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## May 15, 1999, National Police Memorial Day

### The Monument

I never dreamed it would be me,  
My name for all eternity,  
Recorded here at this hallowed place,  
Alas, my name, no more my face.

"In the line of duty," I hear them say;  
My family now the price will pay.  
My folded flag stained with their tears;  
We only had those few short years.

The badge no longer on my chest,  
I sleep now in eternal rest.  
My sword I pass to those behind,  
And pray they keep this thought in mind.

I never dreamed it would be me,  
And with heavy heart and bended knee;  
I ask for all here from the past,  
Dear God, let my name be the last.

—George Hahn, Retired Sgt., LAPD



Photo by Sonny Odom  
National Law Enforcement Officers  
Memorial—Judiciary Square, Washington, D.C.

The moving poem by retired LAPD Sergeant, George Hahn, is an appropriate tribute to those heroes who have given their lives in the line of duty. Their sacrifice and the suffering of their family survivors should never be forgotten. The Memorial Ceremony schedule is both a reminder and a plea for everyone to take a little time to remember and honor these brave men and women in law enforcement who unselfishly sacrificed themselves for their community.



Photo by Lenny Muñoz  
Brandon Navidad, son of LAPD Officer Mario Navidad, killed in line of duty, December 22, 1996. Photo taken in May, 1997 at Judiciary Square, Washington, D.C.



### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## The Martyrs Among Us

by Dave Hepburn

An opinion piece written by retired Captain Paul Marks recently appeared in the *Los Angeles Times*. The views expressed by Marks were a shocking revelation of the management philosophy of fear and intimidation that currently permeates the Department. The disquieting aspect of this former captain's opinion piece is the fear that his views might be shared by a majority of command officers. The ever-widening rift that is developing between the rank and file and command officers should concern all Department employees.

In Marks' opinion the chief is exactly right to be more concerned with deployment than with morale, and with spending his energies on his solidification of his authority rather than on interaction with street officers. Marks also praises the chief for anticipating evil in his staff and punishing severely and without forgiveness. The former captain goes on to assert that "the dynamics of contemporary law enforcement now compel an impersonal, dispassionate, almost cynical style of professionalism."

No wonder there's such a dissonance between management expectations and the views of the rank and file. The Department is trying to conjure up a long since discredited style of management in an era when employees are more aware, educated, enlightened, astute and more likely to ask "why" than ever before. The rank and

file know there's more to leadership than demands for obedience, yet that seems to be the depth of current management thought. The concept of leadership by example seems to have been forgotten. Would department managers encourage officers to treat the public in an "impersonal, dispassionate, almost cynical style?" Of course not, nor should they. The public deserves better, but so do the members of this organization. It's the rank and file who are out there putting it on the line every day, not the command staff. It's those members of the rank and file who will, in the long run, determine whether department managers succeed or fail.

Marks' article then takes a real diversion into absurdity with his contrasting views of the rank and file and command officers. The rank and file "commit vile and disgusting acts, often at the level of criminal misconduct." Command officers, on the other hand, "willingly incur sacrifices because they know that martyrdom is an inescapable part of their command responsibility." Command officers earn the title of "martyr" for inflicting an "impersonal, dispassionate, almost cynical style of professionalism" on police officers, pushing paper for a few hours each day, pulling down over \$100K a year, and driving city-paid, take-home vehicles. Such sacrifices! Who will be the first to be canonized, Paul "the Apostle" Marks?

The "Apostle" then goes on to take a shot at the Protective League, which he describes as "reveling in its inglorious and disturbingly energetic pursuit of inept service to the public." We've searched our archives and can't find any evidence of this "inglorious pursuit," but we were reminded that Mr. Marks was not a member of the League prior to his promotion to captain. Of all people, Mr. Marks should understand our need to defend our officers against false accusations during the current frenzy of accountability on the Department. His eminence was fortunate to narrowly escape his own accountability when his peers recently found him not guilty at a Board of Rights on a charge for which any police officer would have paid a heavy price. Although he was able to wiggle off the hook, it did cost him another reason to declare himself a martyr.

Enough of the sarcasm. Command officers are having a difficult time walking that thin line between doing what they know is right and doing what they know will please their boss. Theirs is a difficult task, particularly if they have compassion and understanding for the human element of the organization. It is getting tougher and tougher to be a thoughtful and fair administrator, so those who have the courage to do what's right deserve our respect. The good command officers are still in the majority, but there's an

overwhelming temptation for them to just go along with the program.

The true martyrs, contrary to Marks' views, are those command officers who are willing to do what's morally and ethically right, despite pressure from above. Those are the true heroes of the command ranks.

### City Council News

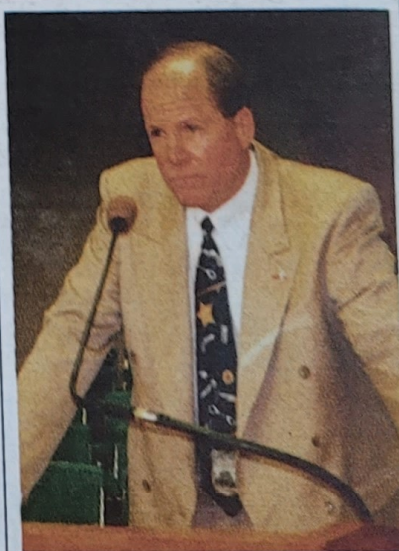


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Director Tim Sands addresses City Council on work comp issues. The Council has changed the third party administrator for work comp issues from FIRM Solutions to Presidium. See Tim Sands article on page 5 for more information.



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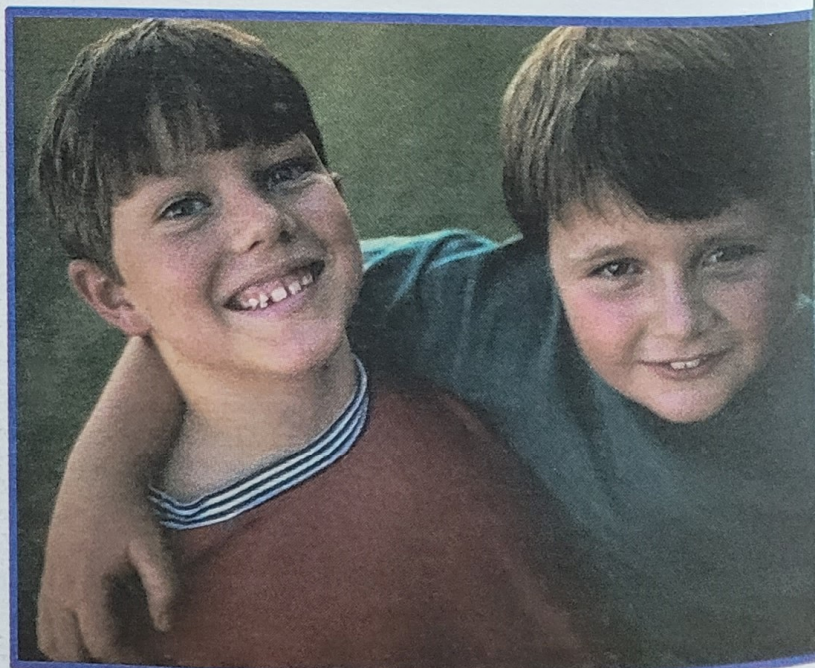
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## PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

GARY MORGAN, VICE PRESIDENT

### Toronto Police Association Takes Steps to Teach Command Staff and Political Critics a Lesson in the Mottos "Don't Throw Rocks when You Live in a Glass House" or, "Do as I Say, Not as I Do."

During the week of April 5<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>, Toronto Police Association President Craig Bromell, a number of his Board members and General Counsel flew to Los Angeles to meet with the Protective League Board. During the week, we discussed a number of issues and concerns relating to law enforcement, labor issues, use of force, discipline, internal investigations, political relations, and public relations.

The most important issue I found involved their handling of the command staff or political critics in relationship to double standards or political motives of politicians. The Toronto Police Association pursues a very aggressive or proactive role in dealing with these concerns. The Association hired 16 investigators to go out and actively investigate allegations of misconduct by their superiors and politicians. This type of approach appeared to level the playing field with those involved in their disputes or discipline issues and held all parties accountable for their actions. The Association

will gather the evidence, statements, photos, etc., and produce the evidence, not only to the Toronto Police Department, but to the news media as well. The duplicate release of information ensures a proper investigation and a documented outcome of the involved parties.

The approach of becoming pro-active caused a major uproar not only with the Toronto Department, but with politicians speaking without the facts. The Association took on the role or responsibility of a "Civilian Review Panel" within its own organization. The Association became the watchdog of those attempting to discipline their officers and promote self-serving agendas. The results were overwhelming and the news media has carefully followed the Association and their activities. During our meetings with the Association, two different news correspondents from the Toronto area flew in to discuss the situation and different techniques used by the organizations to deal with concerns and issues relating to Association business.

The Protective League Board found the Toronto approach extremely interesting and is giving the issue of investigating, documenting, and preparing photos of alleged activity and allegations of command staff and individuals a great deal of consideration.

The message to those who sit in judgment or attempt to judge our officers'

actions, is, remember you just might be on camera or under investigation yourself, so you need to live your life as you expect others to live theirs.

The Toronto Board found the Protective League's approach in evaluating command officers performance very beneficial. You might recall in last year's October *Thin Blue Line* publication we published the command officers' evaluation or rating profile results (and plan to reevaluate or rate them once again this year). I am sure the Toronto command staff will find the results and opinions of their officers and evaluations or ratings beneficial to the Toronto Police Department. I sincerely hope the Toronto Police Department looks at the results as a learning tool or educational process as a means to improve the organization and not as a popularity contest, as taken by some of our command officers.

### The Chief has Directed the Department to Avoid the Fair Labor Standards Act or Federal Law on the Issue of Mandatory or Forced Days Off and Now Appears to Want to Modify the Contract and Reduce Your Benefits on Overtime Compensation! If You Doubt These Facts Read Administrative Order #8, Dated April 6, 1999.

The Department refuses to comply with the federal law on the issue of forced T/O's, although the law is very specific in both the *Heaton vs. Moore* and *Moreau vs. Harris County* decisions. The Department contends the Memorandum of Understanding gives them the right to force T/O's on employees. This issue will once again be forced into litigation and the League has requested our attorney to pursue legal action to stop such practices. Additionally,

the Department has published Administrative Order #8, dated April 6, 1999, titled "Mid-year adjustment in sworn overtime compensation policy." I encourage every member to read this document and see how inconsistent the policy is, as compared to our Memorandum of Understanding or contract.

The Chief is clearly attempting to reduce your benefits (overtime compensation) by his actions. The Chief wants and plans for the rank-and-file officer to give up their overtime benefits and assist him in his overtime reduction plan. This is unacceptable. The Chief cannot have it both ways.

In one of our more recent cases, an officer was forced to take two weeks off on forced T/O's. The officer was subpoenaed to court and the officer requested time-and-one-half for his appearance. Guess what? The Department refused to pay him overtime and relied on the City's Administrative Code, citing an employee could not receive overtime on a day off (T/O). The officer did not want to make an issue of the situation and agreed to reduce his time off request for those days he was in court. The truth is, the officer lost almost two days of overtime compensation based on his decision and the Department benefited financially. The benefit amounted to almost two days of pay or additional compensation. The Department also has attempted to apply this logic in WTD as well.

This type of practice is appalling and I want everyone to take the time and see just how much the Department is attempting to play on your dedication and loyalty. The Protective League can only do as much for you as you will do for yourself. I encourage every officer to stand up and fight for your benefits and not let the Department continue to gain

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TED HUNT, SECRETARY

## Binding Arbitration

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But strikes are one of the most powerful tools of a bargaining unit or union. Historically, strikes have forced powerful organizations -- arrogant, arbitrary and otherwise unapproachable organizations, to the negotiation table. So, if a labor organization willingly gives up one of its most powerful tools, then the labor organization should expect to be treated fairly by the employer.

If you have been around for a few years you know that the City and the Department have often treated us in a cavalier and unfair manner at contract time. When the City refuses the negotiate, what can we do? STRIKE?

In the past, when the City has refused to give us a raise or even refused to negotiate, we have had to resort to some demeaning and unprofessional antics to force the City to the bargaining table:

demonstrations, picketing, and packing City Hall.

Some people have even said that a highly contagious illness called The Blue Flu, which a few officers had a couple of years ago, was a League-sponsored event. That is true. The Blue Flu was a League-sponsored event. But the question still remains, what can we do to force the City to bargain with us in good faith?

Many believe that Binding Arbitration is the answer. There are many different types of Binding Arbitration. The key word to understand is ARBITRATION, which means: mediation, bargaining, compromise, concession and settlement. In other words, if two or more parties don't agree on something, how do they find a re-solution? One way is to arbitrate.

What do you do if one of the parties simply refuses to talk and bargain in good faith? In other words, they just ignore you. The boss tells you, the beatings will continue until morale improves and if you don't like the way we treat you,

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## COLLEGE DAY 99

Thinking about going back to college,  
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## College Day

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For further information please contact Ted Hunt at 213-251-4554

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**SCALE** Southern California Alliance of Law Enforcement representing 19 police officer associations.





## PROTECTING YOUR RIGHTS

TIM SANDS, TREASURER

### Presidium-New T.P.A. For Workers' Compensation Claims

On Friday, March 19, 1999, the City Council voted to switch the Third-Party Administrator (TPA) handling Workers' Compensation issues, from FIRM Solutions to Presidium, Inc. This transition will take place on June 4, 5 and 6, 1999. The LAPPL is working closely with both companies to facilitate the transition period.

The Protective League has opened lines of communication with Presidium to handle future and present Workers' Compensation claims. As with FIRM Solutions, we will be implementing programs that best serve the membership; such as, monthly meetings with Presidium and the City Personnel Department and the membership's Work Comp attorneys, settling cases prior to the hearing date. This program has proven to be quite successful with FIRM Solutions. Also, we will be having a contact person within Presidium's upper management whom we can call directly to handle problems with a member's Work Comp case. The toll-free phone number now used for FIRM Solutions will remain the same when Presidium takes over. That number is 1-800-977-0285. Again, the League understands that switching some 7,000 Work Comp cases from one TPA to another is going to create some problems.

However, we are working closely with Presidium and the Personnel Department to make this transition as easy as possible.

### Slander Suit Against Ex-Chief Reinstated

Congratulations to Detectives Charles Markel and Andy Teague. According to a March news article, their ten million dollar lawsuit against ex-Chief Williams, for slander and invasion of privacy, was reinstated by the Appellate Court. A Superior Court judge had previously dismissed the case. Prior to my becoming a Director, I represented Andy and Chuck at their Board of Rights on this matter. These two outstanding Homicide Detectives' careers and reputation were destroyed when ex-Chief Williams, at a 1995 press conference, stated that they had committed perjury during a murder investigation and then attempted to cover it up. This statement by ex-Chief Williams was made coincidentally when the Fuhrman tapes were being released to the press. The press conference and statement by ex-Chief Williams was made prior to any investigation being completed. After months of being relieved of duty and the consequential embarrassment, Chuck and Andy's Board of Rights was held and immediately it was evident there was no evidence (as was presented to the Department all along) to show that

Detectives Markel and Teague committed perjury. They were found not guilty and reinstated with back pay. However, the damage that was done by that press conference and subsequent investigation can never be reversed. According to the news article, Chuck and Andy's attorney, Matthew B.F. Biren, stated that his cli-

ents were elated by the news that the lawsuit was reinstated. Chuck and Andy, good luck to you!

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(Editor's Note: As of 4/20/99, Presidium's name was changed to Cambridge Integrated Services. Notices will be mailed to all members.)

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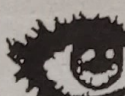
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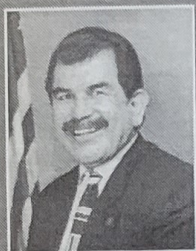
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### Baker-to-Vegas Relay

Although full coverage of the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Challenge Cup Relay will take place in the June issue of the *Thin Blue Line*, including a center spread pictorial, I would like to give a big congratulatory message of "Job well done" to the men and women of my former workplace, Metropolitan Division. The Metro *Red* team repeated last year's victory in the Open category and the Metro *Blue* team finished 6<sup>th</sup>, also in the Open field. Having two teams from the same division finish in the top 10 of the same category is unprecedented. Obviously, Metro is aiming for a "Three-Peat" next year. Their dedication, skill and teamwork is to be admired.

### Retired Captain Shows True Colors

The Sunday *L.A. Times* of April 11, 1999, featured an arrogant and pretentious essay by erstwhile leader of men and women, the unforgettable but lamentable Paul Marks. League President Dave Hepburn addresses this vehicle of hypocrisy and pomposity in his column quite well. I stress hypocrisy because anybody with half a brain realizes that the only reason Captain Marks was found not guilty at his Board of Rights

was that 2/3 of the panel was comprised of his fellow command staff officers. If Paul had been a mere rank-and-file type, the upper hierarchy would probably have found him guilty. The LAPD double standard lives on.

I would like to thank Paul for letting all of us rank-and-file cops know what he really thought of us all these years. By the way, Paul, if our paths should ever cross, do us both a favor and keep your distance.

### Mystery Cop Photo

I received many photos in response to my request in last month's *Thin Blue Line*. Starting with this month's issue, the Mystery Cop Photo feature will now be carried in the "Retirement News" section of the *Thin Blue Line*, next to Retirement Corner. Thanks for your interest and keep the photos coming.

### Lieutenant Don Foster's Contribution to the Police Memorial Foundation

In my April column I discussed novel ideas that retiring officers had for obtaining donations to such worthy causes as the Police Memorial Foundation, the California Peace Officers Memorial Foundation or the National Law Enforcement Fund. I cited the retirement



Three detectives clown it up at their retirement party - (left to right) Roy Hunter, Chris Krist and Bill Wilson.

dinners of Chuck Lovold, Kevin Coppin and Bill Gartland. I inadvertently failed to mention Lieutenant Don Foster of Robbery Homicide Division and his method of raising funds for the Police Memorial Foundation.

While on the job, Don was known for riding his officers about haircuts, or lack of same. He was a stickler for military type grooming. At his retire-

ment dinner, people who were judged to be in need of a haircut were fined a nominal amount of U.S. currency and Don matched the fine. In all, Lieutenant Foster raised over \$800 for the Police Memorial Foundation and everyone had a good laugh to boot. Good job, Don, and have a great retirement.

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### The Democratic National Convention is Coming to Los Angeles

After months of anticipation, speculation and endless rumors, it is now official. The Democratic National Committee has selected the Los Angeles Staples Center,

adjacent to the Convention Center, as the site for the Y2K National Democratic Convention. The Convention will occur between August 14 and August 17, 2000. What does this mean for the City of the Angels? It means millions of dollars in increased revenues and national recogni-

tion. It means an infusion of \$150 million in direct and indirect dollars to Los Angeles and the Southern California region. It means the visit by up to 40,000 loyal Democrats, including 5,000 Convention Delegates staying at 90 hotels in the Los Angeles area. They will all be spending megabucks at this gala party for the Democratic Party. It means the arrival of thousands of national media representatives and political pundits. It means Larry King Live from CNN, Ted Koppel from ABC Nightline, Tom Brokaw from NBC Evening News, and even our retired

member Sergeant Rod Bernsen from the FOX Network. The media representatives will be spending millions of dollars on television broadcasts and related expenses. Millions of additional dollars will be spent on radio broadcasts and print media stories by *Time* magazine, *U.S. News and World Report*, and other national publications. It means millions in police-related overtime from a

### Winners and Losers in the April City Council Elections

Our endorsed City Council candidates did exceptionally well in the April 13<sup>th</sup> primary election. Councilmembers Wachs, Ferraro, Galanter, Ridley-Thomas, and Bernson were all re-elected by gaining more than 50% of the vote. The following breakdown reflects the voters' choices.

DISTRICT	COUNCILMEMBER	WIN %
2	Joel Wachs	67%
4	John Ferraro	77%
6	Ruth Galanter	69%
7	Alex Padilla (candidate)	48%
8	Mark Ridley-Thomas	75%
10	Nate Holden	49%
12	Hal Bernson	73%
14	Nick Pacheco (candidate)	20%

bloated City treasury even after the City pays its share of the \$35 million for security and related expenses. The City will want to put on a polished safe city image for the Democratic National Committee members, guests and media. Since this will be the first time in the past 40 years that the Democrats have chosen Los Angeles as the host city for the Convention, you can be sure that the City officials, Convention and Visitors Bureau and Chamber of Commerce will do everything possible to make the event a huge success.

Our members will be a big part of the event providing security and motorcades for the VIPs. Our hours will be long and the rewards will be great.

It is important to note that the Convention follows the expiration of our current contract by one month. Interesting timing.

### Thank You

I would like to personally thank the following members who volunteered for our election phone banks, giving their time to help us get out the vote for our endorsed candidates:

Gary Aspinall, Kurt Smith, John Nisbet, Tim Smith, Jody Gryder, Gary Macnamara, Ed Purcell, Joe Oliveri, Mitch Robins, Jim Rahm, Al Ruvalcaba, Alex Ortiz, Tom Stapleton, Ron Terrazas, David Nunez, Steve Saletros, and Ted Hunt.

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Councilmember Hal Bernson honors Valley divisional "Officers of the Year" at annual luncheon.

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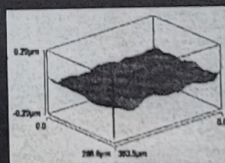
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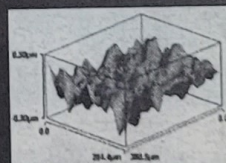
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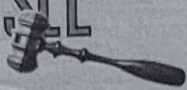
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## A MESSAGE FROM GENERAL COUNSEL

by Hank Hernandez, Attorney at Law



### Chief of Police Launches Major Attack Against Binding Interest Arbitration Bill for Police Officers

This year's first legislative effort in the Legislature in Sacramento to provide for final and binding arbitration of any matter in dispute within the scope of collective bargaining between any public employer in California and employee organizations representing police officers and firefighters, has been the victim of a major opposition attack by Chief Parks and his command staff. In a memorandum dated April 9, 1999, Chief Parks directed all of his chief officers and command staff to call their local assembly person and senator to ensure that they are aware of the Chief's opposition to Senate Bill 402 ("SB 402"), the binding arbitration bill. In spite of this opposition, on Monday, April 12, 1999, SB 402 whistled past the Senate Committee on Public Employment and Retirement, a sign of momentum behind this issue of importance to all public safety officers throughout California.

Chief Parks remains opposed to SB 402, a bill that Senator John Burton, the Senate's President Pro Tempore, is carrying through the Legislature. But political realities, a united statewide effort by organized public safety employees' organizations, and the support from Governor Gray Davis could — and should — overwhelm Chief Parks' resistance and unfair attacks.

Existing law found in the Meyers-Milias-Brown Act (Government Code §§3500 et seq.) and the City's Employee Relations Ordinance (Administrative Code §§4.800 et seq.) now provide the statutory framework for labor relations between City management and the League, but this statutory framework only provides for non-binding procedures for the resolution of disputes once management and the League reach an impasse during contract negotiations over any issue pertaining to wages, hours and other terms and conditions of employment. Under these existing provisions, once the non-binding procedures are exhausted, management is free to unilaterally implement its position on the issues that were at impasse. As previously stated above, SB 402 would instead provide for final and binding arbitration as the method for resolving these bargaining disputes.

It is important to note that the interest arbitration process in SB 402 is designed to be an extension of the bargaining process. The purpose of interest arbitration is to level the "playing field" between public safety labor organizations and management because of the unique prohibitions on protected concerted activity (strikes) by police officers and firefighters that SB 402 contains. One must also keep in mind the overall view, whether accurate or not, that the purpose of collective bargaining legislation, such as SB 402, is to permit labor

and management to engage in free and open communication through the negotiation process with each side remaining free to exercise its panoply of weapons for the purpose of forging agreements. In the non-public sector that means employees have the right to withhold their labor. Because of SB 402's prohibition against strikes in the public safety sector, interest arbitration is necessary simply to return equality to the bargaining process.

Additionally, recent case law (e.g., *City of El Cajon v. El Cajon POA* (1996) 49 Cal.App 4th 64 [56 Cal.Rptr.2d 723]) confirms that under the Meyers-Milias-Brown Act, management is free to propose wide changes in terms and conditions of employment including what we would perceive as "take aways" during contract negotiations. The purpose of the binding interest arbitration provisions of SB 402 is not to handcuff the employer's ability to bargain but to protect the labor organization from loss of benefits for its members that are not otherwise justified by the relevant labor market. Moreover, as with all things, conditions change and the arbitral process is designed not to prohibit those changes but to rationalize the changes through presentation of argument to an independent, experienced and qualified neutral.

Chief Parks defends his opposition to SB 402 by claiming, among other things, that the state legislature should not further inhibit the ability of locally elected officials to respond to the needs of their communities, and that it should not deprive the electorate of any ability to hold its elected officials accountable. What the Chief has conveniently left out of his opposition papers is the fact that more than 24 states have some type of binding arbitration for collective bargaining disputes. In California, 20 cities and two counties have amended their charter, after a vote by their electorates, to provide for binding arbitration of police and firefighter disputes over wages, hours and working conditions. Since these arbitration procedures were adopted, safety employees in those jurisdictions have not engaged in any strikes.

It appears questionable whether Chief Parks even realizes the degree of contempt he shows for voters' ability to make intelligent decisions, all the while decrying the supposed harm done by interest arbitration — to the principle of accountability to the very same voters. Where jurisdictions have chosen to adopt the interest arbitration framework found in SB 402, that choice reflects the voters' own determination that, if and when the leadership of their local government and their local public safety employees are unable to agree on a contract, providing for binding arbitration as a final step in impasse resolution is preferable to unilateral imposition of what may be short-sighted terms on employees who provide critical services and have bargained in good faith. These voters have also decided that binding interest arbitration is

preferable to enduring strikes or undermining employee morale and loyalty.

As we all know, voters and legislators who have adopted and enacted interest arbitration can also dismantle or modify it if they perceive that the system they approved is not producing the desired results they sought from it. Accordingly, contrary to Chief Parks' position, any interest arbitration legislation is in fact ultimately accountable to the voters and their legislators. Also, contrary to the unsupported rhetoric offered by Chief Parks in opposition, actual results of interest arbitration indicate that it is working reasonably well, and to the general satisfaction of most voters, in those jurisdictions that have adopted it so far. That is why it is gaining ground among California cities and that is why the binding interest arbitration provisions of SB 402 for police officers and firefighters deserves strong support!

### LAPD Violates FEHA to the Tune of \$522,000 for Failure to Accommodate Partially Deaf Officer

In *Eugene Quinn vs. City of Los Angeles*, L.A.S.C. No. BC 176333A, former probationary officer Eugene Quinn ("Quinn") was awarded \$522,088.75 after a jury found that the LAPD illegally failed to reasonably accommodate his disability (hearing loss in one ear), by either affording him an opportunity to remain in the field with assistive devices or by placing him in a non-field position, either sworn or non-sworn with the Department, all in violation of California's Fair Employment and Housing Act ("FEHA") and public policy.

The evidence as presented to the jury, showed that Quinn's first two probationary evaluations were unsatisfactory, but thereafter he was rated

satisfactory overall in every rating period. However, at one point he truthfully told his Watch Commander about certain problems he had with the radio under certain conditions and of his partial hearing loss. Based on Quinn's candidness about his hearing problems, an investigation was initiated. He was taken out of the field and assigned to a desk job. Quinn continued to perform in satisfactory manner at the desk, and received all standard and above standard ratings. After approximately three months on the desk, Quinn was unfairly terminated by police management for his alleged performance problems and his hearing condition.

During the trial, the City Attorney contended that Quinn could not perform the essential duties of a police officer either with or without reasonable accommodation without compromising the health and safety of himself or others. Of course, it took the jury only one day of deliberations to disagree!

Now, speaking of holding public officials accountable, who do you think the City Council or the Mayor will hold accountable for having to pay over half a million in taxpayers' dollars to a former officer who was wrongfully terminated by police management in violation of law and public policy? And, which member of the police command staff should or will get a 1.28 for this injustice? If you answered no one, your guess is as good as mine. Perhaps if the City leaders were to require that payment for this type of judgment should come out of the Police Department's budget instead of the City's general fund maybe these outrageous violations of law by police staff and command officers will stop.

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# WARNING BELL

by Gary Ingemunson, Attorney at Law  
 "Never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee."  
 —John Donne

## Carded

You stare down at the document the sergeant has placed before you. "Read it and sign," he says.

It is a comment card. A page filled with nouns, verbs and adjectives describing in a very negative way your failure to rise to the level of expectations of your superiors. You read it carefully. It is not accurate.

"This is no big deal," the sergeant says, "the captain just wants this incident to be documented."

"It's not accurate," you say.

"Look," the sergeant patiently explains, "this could be a beef. You're lucky it is only a comment card."

"If it was a beef, I would be better off," you reply, "at least there would have been an investigation and I would have had a chance to write a Skelly or take a trial board to clear my name."

"You have thirty days to write a response to this comment card and it will be attached," the sergeant explains less patiently. It is clear that he has invested as much time as he wants to in this conversation. "Sign and let's get back to work."

"What if I don't sign?" you ask.

"I write in 'refused' in the signature block and you look like an attitude problem to the next supervisor that reads this," he replies. "Don't make a federal case out of this. It's just a comment card. It follows you for two years in your divi-

sional records and then it gets shipped off to Piper Tech. Accept it and move on."

"It's not accurate," you repeat, but, feeling helpless, you sign.

"O.K.," sighs the sergeant with relief, "now, go back to work and don't ever do anything remotely like this again. It will constitute a pattern of conduct. Next time it won't be a comment card."

"I didn't do anything remotely like this to start off with," you reply.

"Whatever," the sergeant says as he walks off with the signed copy of the comment card. "If you even get accused of anything remotely like this again, you can be sure that this comment card will be pulled and used by the Department to determine if they have a problem child. Just be careful."

Now what?

## The Options

Well, you can do nothing and in two years the comment card will be sent to storage. But, even then, it can be retrieved if someone is interested. Or, you can write a response to the comment card and it will be attached. It will not change the card, it will just be your personal addendum to the document. Your side of the story will be a part of the record at least, but the record will remain.

What if you want the record to be removed? Since a comment card is not deemed to be punishment, you cannot challenge it through the Board of Rights system. The system that must be

used to challenge it is the grievance system. (See MOU article 8.0 for what is grievable and what is not) The grievance system, however, has a lot of rules. Rules that must be followed or you are out. On the other hand, it is the only system available where an independent civilian arbitrator who doesn't owe his or her future to the Chief of Police will ultimately determine whether you are right or wrong. In that respect, a grievance is superior to a Board of Rights. It has the added advantage that the arbitrator's decision is binding on the Department.

Passing time is the most potentially fatal part of the grievance process. You have fifteen calendar days to initiate the grievance. You do this by informing your immediate supervisor that you want to grieve the comment card. He has five calendar days to tell you whether he can grant your grievance. (Don't hold your breath). Once your supervisor tells you that nothing can be done at his level, you have fifteen days to serve a formal grievance on your commanding officer. This is the captain's level. In twenty days, you are supposed to receive a written answer. If the answer is unsatisfactory, you have ten days to appeal to the Chief of Police. He has twenty days to answer. That answer being unsatisfactory, you have ten days to appeal to the Police Commission. They have thirty days to respond if they decide to hear it. If you do not like their response, you have seven days to demand arbitration. Thus, it can take one hundred and thirty two days to escape the Department's control and get out into the land of level playing fields. Once there, of course, you still have to have a good case. The arbitrator is neutral. That means that he or she can rule on the merits and there is no guarantee that you have all the merits. Remember, the Chief does get

to run the Department and your approval of his rules is not necessary.

Although grievances can be filed by any officer, only the League can arbitrate a grievance. As a practical matter, League directors carry the grievance through the lower steps and represent the officer as the grievance moves through its various levels. If the grievance cannot be resolved, the Board of Directors must approve arbitration. Arbitrations can easily cost several thousand dollars. The City and the League split the cost of an arbitrator and, on occasion, a court reporter. Sometimes, the League hires an attorney to represent the grievant in more complicated cases. This adds to the cost. In short, economics dictate that not every unsuccessful grievance can be arbitrated.

Remember that first critical fifteen days. Contact a League director for grievance assistance and advice.

## There Is an Answer to These Questions

In February, the computer terminals' start up screen at the Department asked these three questions concerning the large number of officers that had been terminated in 1998. Which of these officers should the Department have retained? Whom among this group would you want to work with as your partner? Whom among this group would you want working in your community? The answer is easy. The innocent ones. The officers who were falsely found guilty by inadequate investigations, biased or intimidated Board of Rights' members, or political manipulations. Remember, the League is not in business to protect the guilty, the League is in business to make damn sure that the Department is correct in its judgment of guilt before it trashes a career or terminates an officer. Some call this due process.

Be legally careful out there.

## Remembrance

Officer Todd Hunter was born December 20, 1964 in Rochester, New York. He graduated in the class of 1983, from Ulysses S. Grant High School in Sherman Oaks, California. In March of 1984 he enlisted in the United States Air Force.

After basic training he went on to advance training as a Security Specialist. He spent 2-1/2 years of his four year enlistment overseas. Todd took advantage of the educational opportunities provided by the Air Force, majoring in Criminal Justice. Todd achieved the rank of Sergeant. He was awarded the Air Force Achievement and Good Conduct Medals, with additional ribbons for training, lengthy overseas deployment, and being a small arms expert. He was honorably discharged in March of 1988.

In October, 1988, Todd entered the Los Angeles Police Academy. He graduated in March of 1989, with notations in his rating that he was outstand-



Todd Alan Hunter, #26310

ing in his attitude and effort about his academics and communications skills. Todd's first division of assign-

ment was Southwest Area. Upon completion of his probation, one rating evaluator made the comment that Todd gave 100% every day that he went to work, and was competent at handling the job of a police officer anywhere in the City of Los Angeles.

After probation, Todd went on to Pacific Area, where he would work the Venice Beach Detail. Todd's duties on the Beach Detail involved routine patrol, footbeat, and bicycle patrol deployment. For their impact on crime suppression and the upward swing in the quality of life for residents and visitors at Venice Beach, the 24 members of the Venice Beach Detail were awarded a Bureau Commendation.

Officer Hunter was recalled to active duty with the USAF due to Operation De-

sert Storm, in February of 1991. Todd was attached to the Strategic Air Command, at Malmstrom AFB in Montana. Todd returned to LAPD in April. He went on to transfer to West Traffic Division where he attained the rank of Training Officer.

In May of 1997, in recognition of his outstanding knowledge of traffic enforcement and his commitment to the safety of all the people of this City, Todd was selected as a Motorcycle Officer. After Motor School he was assigned to South Traffic Division.

Todd Alan Hunter lost his fight with cancer on Saturday, March 20. He is survived by his wife, Officer Lillie Zemones of LAPD Wilshire Area and his father, Mr. Baron Wiggins, of Los Angeles.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Dear Editor:

I read with great interest Director Dennis P. Zine's article in the March issue of *The Thin Blue Line*, in which he referred to Chief Parks as a "totalitarian dictator."

I retired from the LAPD shortly after Bernard C. Parks was sworn in as Chief. Having worked for several chiefs during my 26 plus years with the LAPD, I have never seen one with such a thirst for TOTAL power nor one wanting TOTAL control as I have with Chief Parks. I make these observations by keeping up with the LAPD through the media, the monthly issues of *The Thin Blue Line*, and my many friends still with the Department.

In my studies at Cal State San Bernardino, one of the courses I recently completed in my minor (history) was an upper-division course entitled "History 401 - Hitler's Europe." In this class we studied the various totalitarian states that emerged in Europe during the time period between the two World Wars, those states being Franco's Spain, Mussolini's Italy, Stalin's Russia, and Hitler's Germany.

The similarities I noticed in my studies of these totalitarian states and the current administration on the LAPD were frighteningly striking. First the dictator achieves power, then once obtained seeks and obtains TOTAL power by pulling the right strings, slowly not rapidly. Once TOTAL power is achieved, the dictator expects total loyalty with no, and I mean no, dissension from the dictator's decisions no matter how stupid they are or what the consequences will be. They neither accept nor solicit any input from those under them.

They become truly egomaniacs. Sound familiar?

To justify their belief that the end justifies the means, they build in a constant fear factor be it the NKVD (later known as the KGB), the Gestapo, or the Italian or Spanish Secret Police. Anyone who deviates from the dictator's wishes or strays from the party line suffers the severest of consequences. Sound familiar?

Chief Parks cannot banish an officer to the Gulag, but getting terminated from your career or being given a major suspension and/or demotion for something you did not do just because the "dictator" believed you were guilty, I can imagine would not be much fun to experience either. Not to mention all of the other unfair actions taken on the part of management to further this fear factor and keep the "dictator" firmly in control. The lack of backbone, from some of the command staff that I once respected when I was with the LAPD, is what disturbs me the most.

If the Parks terror machine continues its recent trend (and I see no reason why it won't), I can safely predict that Parks will go down as the most hated and most feared chief in the Department's history. Believe me, I'd rather study a totalitarian state than be a part of one.

Very truly yours,  
William A. Scheideker, #17576  
Retired LAPD Defense Rep

Dear Sir/Madam:

Firstly I would like to introduce myself. My name is Corporal Michael Clark. I am a Royal Air Force Policeman based at RAF St Mawgan in Cornwall, England. I am writing to

you in an attempt to develop relations with foreign law enforcement agencies such as yourselves, for the exchange of information, opinions and interesting tales.

I would be delighted to hear from any members of your department/force who may be interested.

Yours thankfully,  
Cpl. M.J. Clark  
Royal Air Force Police  
RAF St Mawgan  
Cornwall, England  
TR8 4HP  
Tel. (01637) 872201 EXT 7405

Dear Editor:

I sent the attached letter to Tony Adler, the Athletic Director for LAPRAAC. After not receiving a formal response, I sent the attached follow-up letter to the LAPRAAC Board. I am interested in knowing what your readers think. Please publish these letters in the *Blue Line*.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,  
Scott Ouellette  
Line Reserve Police Officer  
Hollywood Division

Dear Tony:

I am a Certified Designated Level I Line Reserve Officer and a former full-time Police Officer with the Los Angeles Police Department. I have been with the department for nearly five years, and I am a strong supporter of the Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay. I have run in the race every year that I've been eligible to run. I was looking forward to running in this year's race, although it now appears that there may not be a reserve officer team from LAPD. Consequently, I may not be able to run due to the current race rules preventing reserve officers from running on division teams.

Each year the LAPD Reserves struggle to put together a team, and each year the goal is barely achieved. The LAPD Reserve team accepts any eligible runner including full-time LAPD officers, and the LAPD Reserves' ability to put together a team of its best runners is simply not an option. As a result, the LAPD Reserve team has typically achieved lackluster results. Unlike divisions, the reserve officers do not all report to work at the same place each day, and the ability to organize a strong, cohesive running team becomes very difficult. I applaud those LAPD Reserve Officers who have been in charge of organizing the teams in the past. Their challenge has been a difficult one. This fact helps to explain why no other law enforcement agency has ever organized and entered a reserve officer team in the Challenge Cup Relay.

This year John Gubernaut, Larry Henman, Mike Galli, Abdullah Kariem, Rob Syto and Frank Travelman are doing an honorable job of trying to organize a team. When I spoke with John the other day he expressed his concern that there may not be a team. He informed me that at present there are not enough runners. This leaves LAPD Reserve Officers who wish to run without the ability to participate in the race. This situation is created due to the current race rules. I believe it is time that the rules change so that

reserve officers may run on division teams. While this proposed change will likely permanently jeopardize the LAPD Reserves' ability to ever organize an all reserve officer team, I personally believe many LAPD Reserve Officers would rather participate on the team from their division of assignment.

I am far from being an expert on the rules of the Challenge Cup Relay. How do the rules address reserve officers from other departments who are too small to put together a reserve team? Are these reserve officers excluded from running in the event? If they are able to run on their department teams, then why are LAPD Reserve Officers treated differently? I hope to learn the answers to these questions, and I look forward to speaking with you.

Let me thank you in advance for your time and consideration. I hope that LAPRAAC will change the rules, and reserve officers from all law enforcement agencies are able to participate with their full-time partners and peers.

Very truly yours,  
Scott Ouellette

Mr. Bob Gale, President  
LAPRAAC Board of Directors  
Re: Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay

Dear Sir:

I sent the attached letter to Tony Adler on March 12, 1999, which asks that the Baker to Vegas rules preventing reserve officers from running on division teams be changed. I have yet to receive a formal response from Tony or the Baker to Vegas committee. I finally called Tony earlier this week, and he said the rules discriminating against reserve officers will not be changed this year. He further stated the issue would have to be dealt with next year.

In 1997 Reserve Officer Bernie Donato attempted to get the rules changed and wrote a letter to the LAPRAAC Board. Commander Watson wrote a similar letter to the LAPRAAC Board in support of the LAPD Reserves. It is my understanding that neither letter was formally responded to. Action on the issue was, at that time, delayed until the next year. The issue surfaces each year when reserve officers are training and looking forward to participating in the race. Each year any action on the issue by the LAPRAAC board is stalled until the next year.

The actions displayed by LAPRAAC are in direct contrast to LAPRAAC's mission statement: "...to encourage the highest level of professional law enforcement skills by providing athletic, educational, marksmanship, physical fitness, recreation, and social activities and facilities to benefit all members of the Los Angeles Police Department."

I hope the Baker to Vegas committee and the LAPRAAC Board will reconsider and amend the race rules to be fair to reserve officers. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Scott Ouellette

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## END OF WATCH



NAME: Albert H. Burgess #4283  
RANK: Policeman  
ASSIGNED TO: 77th Street  
BORN: April 4, 1922  
APPOINTED: February 19, 1947  
RETIRED: May 11, 1959  
DIED: December 26, 1998\*

★ ★ ★

NAME: Pierce R. Brooks #5702  
RANK: Captain  
ASSIGNED TO: Intelligence  
BORN: May 31, 1922  
APPOINTED: June 28, 1948  
RETIRED: July 31, 1969  
DIED: February 28, 1998\*

★ ★ ★

NAME: Chester G. Moody #4237  
RANK: Policeman  
ASSIGNED TO: West Valley  
BORN: December 26, 1922  
APPOINTED: February 15, 1947  
RETIRED: June 4, 1972  
DIED: March 5, 1999

★ ★ ★

NAME: Harry R. MacIntyre #5858  
RANK: Investigator I  
ASSIGNED TO: Vice - Administration  
BORN: March 14, 1921  
APPOINTED: September 28, 1948  
RETIRED: January 1, 1968  
DIED: March 14, 1999

★ ★ ★

NAME: Todd A. Hunter #26310  
RANK: Police Officer II +2  
ASSIGNED TO: South Traffic  
BORN: December 20, 1964  
APPOINTED: October 17, 1988  
ACTIVE  
DIED: March 20, 1999

★ ★ ★

NAME: George L. Evermann (no serial # found)  
RANK: Policeman  
ASSIGNED TO: AID - Valley  
BORN: April 1, 1910  
APPOINTED: August 1, 1938  
RETIRED: July 31, 1958  
DIED: April 6, 1999

\* The passing of these officers was not included in prior EOW columns and we are honoring them now.



# POLITICAL FRONTLINE



## Governor Gray Davis - "How's The Governor Doing?"

### Highlights of the First 100 Days

- Governor declares April 16, 1999, Andy Ramirez Day in honor and support of P.O.W. Staff Sergeant Andrew Ramirez, the brother of fellow LAPD Detective Steven Ramirez - (4/16/99)
- Governor signs Teacher Peer Review Bill. - (4/6/99)
- Governor champions federal funding for educational class-size reduction. - (4/5/99)
- Governor signs School Accountability Bill. - (4/5/99)
- Governor signs High School Exit Exam legislation. - (3/29/99)
- Governor signs legislation to enact pay raises. - (3/15/99)
- Governor applauds DNC decision to hold 2000 Convention in Los Angeles. - (3/15/99)
- Governor reinstates Veterans Preference Job Orders. - (3/10/99)
- Governor reaches agreement with California State Employees' Association on pay raises. - (3/2/99)
- Senate approves two Gray Davis education bills. - (3/1/99)
- Governor reaches agreement with bargaining units on pay raise. - (2/23/99)
- Governor challenges Middle School students to set new academic standards. - (2/17/99)
- Governor attends funeral of Sacramento Police Officer killed in the line of duty. - (2/10/99)
- In spite of heavy pressure from the Pope and Cardinal Mahony, Governor Davis keeps his word and executes convicted murderer Jaturun Siripongs. - (2/6/99)
- Governor's Reading Instruction, Teacher Preparation legislation is passed by Assembly Education Committee. - (2/3/99)
- Governor announces spring visit by Mexican President Zedillo; Telmex to relocate headquarters to San Diego. - (2/2/99)
- Governor reappoints California Highway Patrol Commissioner, Spike Helmick, respected by rank-and-file CHP members. - (1/14/99)



## Letters to the Editor

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Dear Editor:

Please accept the sincere appreciation of the staff, children and their families of the Blind Childrens Center for your donation to the following: Complimentary Marathon ad.

The League's contribution to our school will support the Center's Educational Preschool Program. This program teaches blind infants, toddlers, and preschoolers sensory development, mobility training, and the pre-braille skills necessary to advance to elementary school programs with confidence and ease.

Thank you again for your support and interest in the Blind Childrens Center. The generosity of the League's membership is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,  
Lisa D. Hansen  
President  
Blind Childrens Center

Brother and Sister Officers:

My name is Franke Donlon and I am a police officer with the Maplewood (bordering Newark) (NJ) Police Department and have been for the past 14 years.

My brother's name is Dan and he too is a police officer (four years) currently serving Wall, (NJ Shore area), NJ. Our niece, Lisa (Danny's God-daughter, age 10), was diagnosed with leukemia approximately three weeks ago. Since that time she has undergone several blood transfusions, rounds of chemotherapy and a battery of other treatments and tests. Currently we are awaiting the results of the tests for a bone marrow match. The preliminary reports indicate that a sibling of Lisa's is a match. God willing, that will be confirmed in the near future.

Lisa has always been a very active young lady and excels at such activities as soccer, basketball, piano, academics, singing, "big sistering," etc. Currently she is admitted into the Robert Wood Johnson Hospital in NJ and is expected to have a lengthy stay.

In an effort to bring a ray of sunshine to an otherwise dreary day of my 10-year-old niece, I have begun to set up a Web site for her. The purpose of the Web site is to provide a forum for her friends (old and new) to contact her and leave messages in a

"Guestbook" so that when Lisa is feeling up to it she can leisurely read through and draw strength from the team of people who care for and are praying for her. After all, her mind's fight is every bit as important as her body's. Incidentally, I have been printing the guestbook and making a hardcover book for Lisa to always remind her of the total support in her time of need.

I reach out to our "police family" because I know just how tight of a group we are. Many times as a detective and part of police discussion lists over the years I have joined forces with many families spanning the world to emotionally support them in a time of crisis. I turn to you all now and request this favor of you.

When time permits, could you please stop by my Web page and just let Lisa know that you have heard of her illness and are thinking of her. Let her know that you are a police officer and from what department. There are no strings attached to this request. I have been writing a NEWSLETTER about once every ten days to update friends and family as to Lisa's condition. If you would like to be added to the list, please indicate that when you sign the guestbook.

I will also be happy to link any of your home pages to Lisa's if you want. Please E-mail me directly and I will take care of it.

I am and always have been so proud to be associated with our blue family. It is like no other fraternity in the entire world. Please help me to help Lisa feel first hand what it is like to receive a "GLOBAL HUG" from cops everywhere.

I have never created a Web site before. If there is anyone who could give me pointers, I am an eager learner.

WEB PAGE ADDRESS: LISA'S NEWSLETTER—click here  
or—<http://hometown.aol.com/stardninc/personal/index.htm>

Our goal is to reach 1 million visitors, so please forward this to any police/church/discussion/etc. list that you may be on. So far it has worked wonderfully. Lisa signs on at night after visitors leave and tests are done (and she feels up to it) and LOVES to read what so many have sent so far. Also, please print this request and post on the bulletin board at your respective headquarters if that is appropriate. I will acknowledge all departments on the Web page. It will be nice to watch the list grow.

Stay safe always, your brothers.

Franke Donlon

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## Hunt

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leave, quit, get out of here. One of the answers to unapproachable, bad management is the arbitration process.

The BINDING in Binding Arbitration means that when the decision has been made by the neutral party, then both parties are **bound** to live by the results of the ARBITRATION.

Binding Arbitration goes to the core of why unions exist. Unions are a creation of bad management -- a protection against the unilateral and arbitrary abuse of power and authority (Covey). Unions negotiate for the workers. Binding Arbitration is an extension of the negotiation process. It is a remedy in lieu of a strike.

Just like bad managers create unions, bad managers fear Binding Arbitration because it forces the bad managers to bargain in good faith. If they don't bargain in good faith, then an independent arbitrator is called in to decide the issues and both sides are compelled to live by the decision.

Binding Arbitration exists in law in over 20 cities and counties in California. It is rarely used, because it causes both parties to act reasonably.

## Morgan

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financially. The money or overtime is rightfully yours and you should receive proper compensation when the compensation is owed. Yet, I see over and over -- officers agreeing to circumstances or situations benefiting the Department and not their families. If this type of attitude is acceptable, you've got to stop and ask yourself, why do we negotiate a contract? The fact the City cannot properly budget their overtime bank is not your responsibility. You are owed the time or money and must take a stand at some point in time to receive what you are owed.

### Action To Be Taken

I would like every employee who is forced to take a day off to indicate on the T/O slip or days off request, that the day was forced upon them and to file a grievance. I sincerely hope our supervisors do not take these actions personally, the subject matter is not against them, it is to protect our benefits and contract. I realize this may generate a great deal of paper-

## College Credit for Academy Training

Promotions, raises and bonuses are interlinked with advancing your college education. You cannot get a POST certificate, past the Basic without college units. Most people don't know where to start. That is why we have:

- College day to be held May 20, 1999 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Police Academy, 1880 North Academy Drive, Los Angeles. Community colleges, state universities, private universities, and law schools will be there. There is no cost, and all law enforcement personnel are welcome -- sworn and civilian.

- Found ways for you to get college credit for Academy training. Los Angeles Community College District, has a program available to you right now that will help you obtain college credit based on your LAPD Academy training. It is lower division, undergraduate credit. There is no cost to you. For information on how to obtain college credit, call Kelvin Williams at L.A. City College at (323) 953-4237. For counseling and assistance, call Buck Stapleton (former LAPD officer) at West Los Angeles College (310) 287-4221.

- Found a college loan program that specializes in loaning money for college. They will have a booth at the College Day.

work for some, but the majority of the work will come to me and I am willing to process every grievance you file.

### Clarification of Police Memorial Issue!

As a result of my article of March, 1999, there appears to be a perception from some officers that they not participate in the program. I strongly discourage this approach. I believe as a law enforcement family, we must take care of one another and assist those in need. If anyone is considering stopping their contribution to the Memorial, I would ask you to reconsider your position.

The purpose of my last article concerning the Police Memorial and the loss of funds was intended to address the problems related to Mr. Bentley, and my belief that individuals responsible for these funds should be held accountable for their actions. I will continue to follow up on the loss of Memorial funds and report my findings back to the members, when the investigation is concluded. I will also attempt to monitor the Memorial Fund's future Board meetings to assure our membership's needs are being addressed.

## Zine

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change greetings and discuss fellow Department employees. During the conversation, you describe another Department employee in less than complimentary terms. The comment gets back to the employee, and an Internal Investigation (1.28) is initiated. The investigation winds through the Department and is still in progress. Since this is an on-going investigation, I do not know the outcome. A word of caution to all: Watch what you say both on and off duty.

It is estimated that the Department is spending up to \$30 million a year on investigators, Boards of Rights hearings, and the lease of properties for Internal Affairs Group personnel.

With ridiculous investigations like this, it is no wonder the Department's billion plus dollar budget lacks sufficient overtime funds to carry out our responsibility to the citizens of Los Angeles.

It is true that lunacy is sometimes mistaken for unbalanced management.

### Does History Ever Repeat Itself?

We have seen the horror, torture and pain inflicted by ruthless so-called world leaders. There was Russia's Joseph Stalin, Italy's Benito Mussolini, Germany's Adolph Hitler... and now there is Slobodan Milosevic in Yugoslavia. Most of us would never imagine that such ruthless people could ever gain absolute control of any country and its citizens. We would not believe that it could happen in 1999. Well, it is happening, and it is happening now. Right in our lifetime. One of our very own member's brother is being held captive. Our heart and prayers go out to all the families of our military personnel and the American hostages, Staff Sgt. Andrew Ramirez, Spec. Steven Gonzales, and Sgt. Christopher Stone.

Councilmember Joel Wachs has introduced previous motions to provide salary compensation to those City employees who are called up for active duty. If and when our members are activated for the current war, your League and Councilman Wachs and his colleagues will be

there to assist our members with their salary compensation. The existing City ordinance reads as follows:

1. Authorize the City notwithstanding any provision of the California State Military and Veterans Code Section 395.01 to compensate each city employee who is activated as a member of the military with the difference between

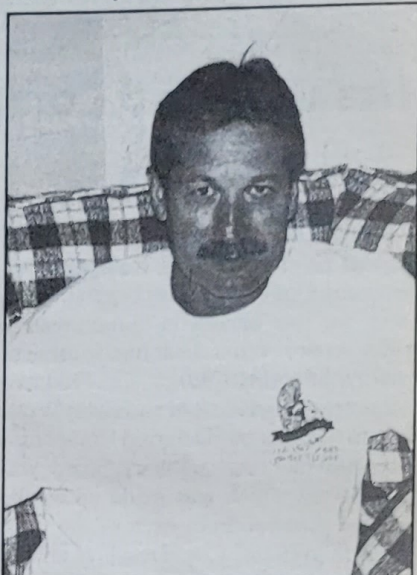


Photo by Dennis P. Zine  
Retired League member Ted Yurek is enjoying life in Idaho with his wife and son.

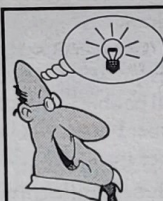
their regular City salaries and their military salaries and certain other benefits and to ensure that these benefits will either: a) be paid from the 31<sup>st</sup> day of the employee's military leave if this is the employee's first military leave of the fiscal year or b) be paid from the first day of the employee's military leave if the employee has been on more than one military leave during the same fiscal year.

2. This ordinance is enacted as an act of goodwill in support, and for the benefit, of people of this nation, state and city.

### Dates to Remember

May 9<sup>th</sup> is Mother's Day. Make sure you remember your mother on this important day.

May 15<sup>th</sup> is Armed Forces Day. With the current conflict in Kosovo, it is very important to remember our military troops.



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# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

FYI

For Your Information is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. We encourage you to submit articles for publication. Deadline for submission is the 6th of the month for the following month's issue date.

## The Deferred Compensation Program - It's Getting Better and Better

by Fred Tredy

I would like to give you a little background on the Deferred Compensation Program. Our City Unions began negotiating for this benefit in approximately 1976. After seven years it finally came to pass and the City Council approved two administrators, Hartford and Great Western, to become our Deferred Compensation provider. An advisory board was established which was made up of one elected member from each of the three pension systems, City Treasurer and an organized labor representative. This advisory board had only had the ability to oversee the program and vote on hardship cases. At that time the money in the program was an asset of the City, not the employees.

In 1995 the structure of the governing board of the deferred compensation changed. Now the board would be made up of the three elected representatives of each of the pension systems, the City Treasurer, General Manager of the Personnel Department, an organized labor representative and a retiree. The powers of the board were slightly expanded and the board was allowed to look more deeply into the way the administrators were handling the program. However, the authority to negotiate contracts was still left in the hands of the City Council.

The federal government passed a rule that as of 1999 all deferred compensation programs must be placed in a trust and owned for the exclusive benefit of the employees. The Deferred Compensation Board applied to have City Council pass an ordinance to give the authority to negotiate contracts and be the "Trustee" of the fund to the Board. After some very long hours of meetings and communications with the City Council, they voted in December of 1998. The ordinance allows the Deferred Compensation Board to go out for proposals to new deferred compensation administrators and bid for a better deal for our members.

Your Deferred Compensation Board, along with the excellent support and participation of the staff and our actuary were able to totally redesign our program and bring it far beyond the present standards set for other 457 programs for other government agencies. Your present investments in Hartford and Washington Mutual still exist. You will still be able to make dedications to those programs and choose other investment options available through those administrators. The rest of the program is completely redesigned. As you can see by the following chart, we have been able to negotiate with other 457 providers and selected the best providers for each of the investment categories. We will no longer have two companies compete against each other. One administrator will be the record-keeper and provide the education about the entire program. This same administrator will also provide a brokerage window with over 1,900 mutual funds for you to select from. One of the most important factors that your board was able to accomplish was to lower the fees you have been paying for investment products by over \$8 million in the next five years. Now remember, this is not the \$.50 you pay each payday that goes to the expenses of paying for staff and maintaining the payroll deduction with the City. This saving came out of what the administrators were charging you for investing your money.

The program change is already started and the complete turnover will be completed by July of this year. Your new administrator, Great West, not to be confused with Great Western (they are two different companies), will be coming out with information and meeting on the new system and how it works. This article is just a "heads-up" for you so when you hear of the change between now and July you will have some idea of what the changes are. If you have any questions prior to the July meeting, please contact me at Hollywood Area. I work day watch and will be able to respond quicker if you E-mail me. I hope you like this system, and I'm sure over time it will realize all the members a lot better return on your money with a lot lower fees.

### City Of Los Angeles Deferred Compensation Plan

Investment Options Effective 7/1/99

Investment Category	NEW CORE OPTIONS	CONTINUED OPTIONS
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Core Stable Value	-Galliard Stable Value Fund (Incumbent fund)	
Core Bond - Active	-Morgan Stanley/MAS Fixed Income Fund	
Core Bond - Index	-Vanguard Bond Index (incumbent fund)	-Hartford Advisors Fund
Core Large-Cap Stock-Active	-Aetna Enhanced Core Equity	-Hartford Stock Fund -Investment Company of America -Fidelity Magellan -Growth Fund of America
Core Large-Cap Stock-Index	-Vanguard Institutional Index (incumbent fund)	
Core Small-Cap Stock-Active	Diversified Special Equity Fund	-Hartford Capital Appreciation Fund
Core Small-Cap Stock-Index	-State Street Global Advisors Russell 2000 Fund	
Core International-Active	-Fidelity Diversified International Fund	
Core International-Index	-Bankers Trust EAFE Equity Index Fund	

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#### Fee Reduction:

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- Many of the core investment products will also have lower fees

- Hartford surrender charges will be eliminated as of 7/1/99

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- Ability to do account transactions over the Internet
- A fully-staffed service center to open up in downtown L.A.
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## LAPD Family Support Group Now Offers Scholarships!

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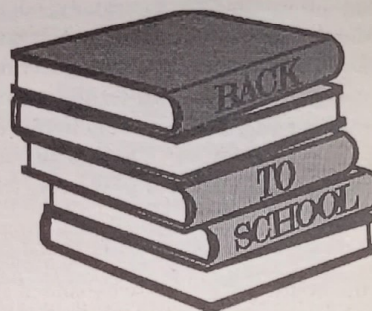
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### "We're Back": Southern California Italian American Police Officers Association

by Fred Tredy

The Southern California Italian-American POA was founded in 1980 by a handful of sworn and civilian employees of the Los Angeles Police Department. The association continued for three years until we encountered some staffing problems. The association has remained inactive until now. Since the founding of the Italian American Police Officers Association, other associations such as the Shomrim (Jewish Police Officers Association) and the Emerald Society (Irish American Police Officers Association) have been formed. Various Los Angeles Police Officers and civilian employees of Italian heritage have expressed an interest to revive the SCIAPOA. In February the first meeting of the Italian American Police Officer Association was held.

Members of the original association and new members attended the first meeting to discuss whether there was an interest on our department in reviving this association. The consensus was *unanimous* in favor of starting the association back up.

Our association's motto is based on the premises of *good food, good friends and good times*. The association bylaws will establish that this association will be strictly nonpolitical in nature. Of

course, being Italian, food and spirits are a very important part of our heritage, so there will be wine tasting sessions, pot luck dinners of sauces and pasta dishes and special desserts. The other integral part of the Italian culture is, of course, the family. There will also be classes on how to trace, if you haven't already started, your family tree and find relatives you never realized you had.

If you are interested in attending meetings, they are scheduled as follows:

Wednesday, May 19 at 1700 hours  
Wednesday, July 28 at 1700 hours  
Wednesday, October 20 at 1700 hours  
Wednesday, December 15 at 1700 hours

All meetings are held at Palermo's Restaurant at 1858 North Vermont Avenue.

If you would like to attend or become a member, please contact one of the following people. The dues will be determined at a later date.

**Fred Tredy**, Hollywood Division;  
**Joe Oliveri**, North East Division; **Ann Clark**, Hollywood Division; **Gene Smith**, Harbor Division; **Vinnie Pileggi**, Hollywood Division; **Ann Pickering**, Hollywood Division; **Vito Ceccia**, Hollywood Division; **Tony Lanzaratta**, EODD.

Hope to see you at the next meeting. Ciao.

## Law Enforcement's Memorial Teaches Lessons They Won't Forget

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Wyatt Earp, Elliot Ness and J. Edgar Hoover are on display.

- Police patches are available for students to take home, along with other memorial gifts.
- Students can also watch an interactive video which allows kids to learn about officers from their city or region who were killed in the line of duty. Students can also print out biographical sketches of those officers and take them home.

The Memorial, which honors America's federal, state and local law enforcement officers, was dedicated in 1991 by then President George Bush.

Inscribed on the Memorial's blue-gray marble walls are the names of nearly 15,000 officers who have been killed in the line of duty, dating back to the first known death in 1794.

Bordering the Memorial's landscaped park are two tree-lined "pathways of remembrance," where the names of the fallen officers are engraved.

For information about arranging a trip to the Memorial, you can call (202) 737-3400 or you can visit the Web site at [www.nleomf.com](http://www.nleomf.com).

## 1999 MEMORIAL WEEK DATES

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**FRIDAY,**  
**MAY 7, 1999:**  
10:30 a.m. Outdoor Ceremony, open to the public, Capitol Building, Sacramento

**MONDAY,**  
**MAY 10, 1999**  
1:30 p.m. Memorial Ceremony at Parker Center, Downtown, Los Angeles

**THURSDAY,**  
**MAY 6, 1999:**  
8:00 p.m. Candlelight Vigil, Police Memorial Site, Sacramento

**SATURDAY,**  
**MAY 8, 1999:**  
8:00 a.m. 21st Annual Police Memorial Relay, Dockweiler Beach, Los Angeles

**THURSDAY,**  
**MAY 13, 1999:**  
8:00 p.m. Candlelight Vigil at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, Washington D.C.

**FRIDAY,**  
**MAY 7, 1999:**  
9:00 a.m. Private Indoor Ceremony with Governor, Capitol Building, Sacramento

**MONDAY,**  
**MAY 10, 1999:**  
10:00 a.m. FBI Memorial Ceremony, Federal Building, West Los Angeles

**SATURDAY,**  
**MAY 15, 1999**  
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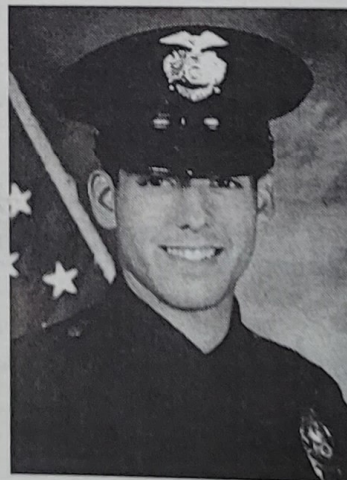
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As we have worked with some of our alumni on the Fil Cuesta Memorial ceremony which we are sponsoring at St. Paul in May, I have been reminded about how many of our graduates have chosen service-oriented professions. A special thanks is offered to those who have made a contribution to that memorial for one who chose to "protect and serve" his community and gave his life doing just that.

The Fil Cuesta '89 Memorial committee is made up of 12 members who are in the process of planning the May 20 event: Roger Fontes '89, Scott Carter (parent), Bill Tegeler '74, Kevin Ramos '89, and Principal Fr. Robert Gallagher, Mrs. Bette Heckert (faculty), Alex Ortiz '86, and Vince Fontes '84.



## Traffic Division, A PII'S Perspective

by Tai Kingi

How do you like working traffic? A question I was frequently asked while I was assigned to traffic division. My answer was always very straightforward: "Traffic is great and one of the best kept secrets on the department." I was one of those so-called unfortunate officers, but fortunate on my behalf to be wheeled to traffic. I had no idea what I was getting into, but soon realized that traffic division was going to be a beneficial experience and knew that traffic was just an additional tool to tack onto my field experience belt. I began searching into the archives of the department and discovered that traffic has been around since the first officer hit the streets. In fact, officers were originally assigned to work traffic control details at a busy intersection even prior to the conception of a patrol beat. I have found great pride in working traffic and decided to share some traffic kudos and skills that I acquired while being assigned to Valley Traffic and later West Traffic Division.

One of the many essential skills a collision investigator possesses is the ability to accurately and thoroughly investigate a scene. After working an L car much of my traffic assignment, I have grasped the importance of prioritizing my investigation in order to investigate and clear a scene in a timely manner. Obtaining of witness information, gathering physical evidence, follow-up information, interviewing skills, preventing contamination of the scene, accurate measuring and diagramming are just a few of the expertise required to thoroughly investigate and accurately complete a traffic report or DUI T/C combo and arrest report.

It's not a secret that traffic officers are rarely afforded the luxury of having a partner to assist in an investigation. Many times I

have handled multiple vehicle collisions, multiple deuce arrests, fatalities and quite a few twisted quagmires with little or no assistance (except traffic control). I can credit a few techniques that work to this day to what PIII Walter Hogue of Valley Traffic Division said to me. "You have about 30 seconds to look at the mess you have and say OH #@\$!#, and then you have to GO TO WORK." A word to the wise that every officer can use in all investigations. Many officers have a tendency to stand around without getting much accomplished when every minute counts and with every second that passes evidence is destroyed or witnesses begin to stray.

Collision investigation officers are required to successfully pass a 40-hour Collision Investigation (CI) school which includes a written and practical exam, "pinkie exam" which consists of a DUI T/C with all the quagmires and messes involved. The final practical exam is by no means simple. If an officer fails, he/she must return to the school and successfully pass, not to mention the humiliation.

Traffic officers are also required to determine a primary collision factor of all the traffic collisions so they must be familiar with vehicle code violations. Det. Joe Gomez (motor officer for 20+ years), who was a PIII at the time, schooled me on how to properly observe vehicle code violations. A good citation is a violation properly observed and cited with thorough vehicle code knowledge. A solid citation increases a guilty verdict if some unhappy customer appeals your citation. How many times in traffic court does a traffic officer or motor officer lose a citation appeal?

Want to be a motor officer? Traffic division is a great stepping stone for a motor spot. The current motor list is compiled of officers that have traffic experience. If you are looking to join the "ELITE", working traffic will get you there. Making it through motor school is a different story.

According to West Traffic Analysis Detail Unit, last year West Traffic handled 10,749 traffic calls, wrote 57,961 citations with about half being major movers, impounded 5,664 vehicles and made 2380.5 arrests. These stats are not bad for a specialized unit with limited manpower. Currently there are not enough CI officers in the field to handle the amount of traffic calls dispatched and traffic is being hammered.

For those officers that have taken traffic on the prehistoric 4.05 form, the new 555 form has tripled in length. The class I and class II terminology is out the door and the only difference is a full scale or sketch diagram. The new form is a full investigation at every reportable T/C, no more one-pagers. Of course, this only enhances the traffic officer's investigative skills because every traffic requires a complete investigation, but that becomes quite an overload. I could count the number of days on one hand that I returned to the station with no reports. It rarely happens.

For those officers that are frightened of handling a deuce T/C and arrest, after working traffic, an officer's DUI skills will inevitably increase. The ability to observe a deuce, accurately identify objective symptoms, complete a thorough field sobriety test, complete a thorough DUI report and testify in court. Last year West Traffic officers made 1,400 DUI misd obs arrests and 420 felony DUI arrests. Wow!! Sometimes officers forget that drunk driving is a "national crisis" and is one of the leading causes of death among young people, not to mention alcohol is indicated to be a factor in 50/55% of fatal motor vehicle accidents in the United States. DUI arrests are one of the best arrests an officer can make.

The abundant talent and skills that many traffic officers possess is infinite. Many traf-

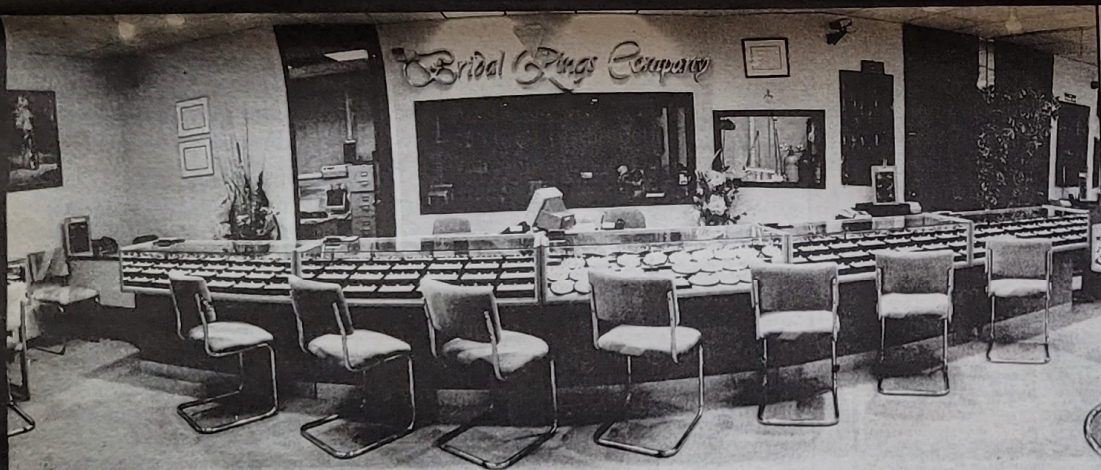
fic officers are reconstructionist, DRE qualified, radar certified and many officers are chosen to attend intermediate or enhanced collision investigation school. The elite of traffic division are specifically chosen to be a member SCID team. Many of these officers have attended some of the top reconstructionist schools such as Northwest Technical or have degrees or experience in engineering. Traffic expertise provides traffic officers with the credibility to teach and/or own their own traffic schools. Insurance companies and private attorneys hire freelance reconstructionists for reconstruction of traffic collisions and they are paid as much as \$300/hr.

There are also special traffic division units such as West Traffic's Complaint Services Traffic Unit which is responsible for educating the public on traffic laws, surveying of traffic complaint areas, educating younger drivers of traffic laws and the consequences of irresponsible driving. Traffic safety also participates in the sober graduation and various other programs throughout our school district.

Traffic accidents are not demographically constricted to any particular socioeconomic area. Every person, whether a scumbag, dignitary or police officer, drives on a daily basis and is vulnerable to traffic collisions. Traffic collisions are unpredictable and although T/Cs are on the rise during or after the rain, traffic is getting to be more of a mess seven days of the week anytime of the day.

We must all realize that everybody on our department serves a purpose. Unlike in the past, traffic division is becoming a division of choice and there is more of an abundance of motivated, knowledgeable, productive and skillfully trained officers. Once again, "traffic is the best kept secret."

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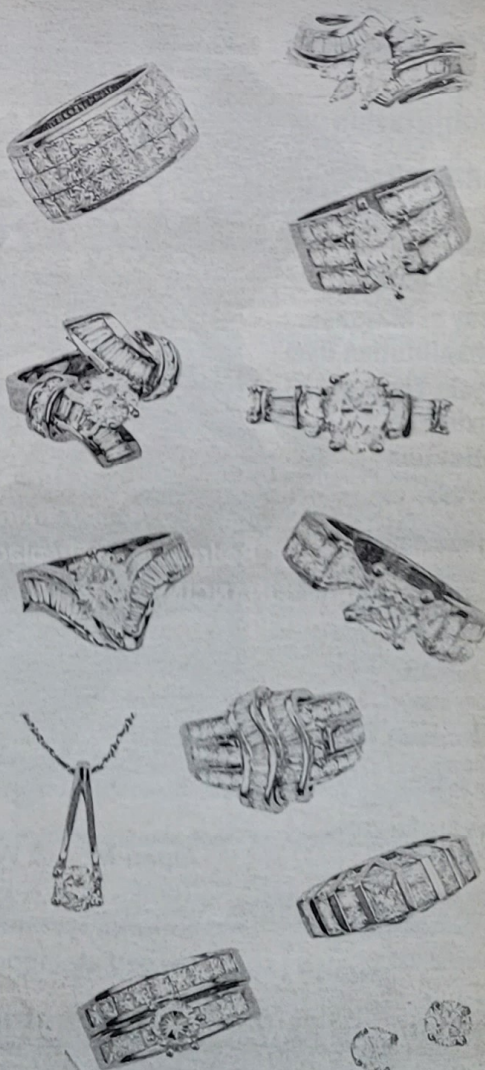
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### News From The Los Angeles Police Emerald Society

by Steve Kirby, President

The Los Angeles Police Emerald Society is a multi-agency organization founded in 1992 with the objective of fostering goodwill among the members of the numerous law enforcement communities in California and celebrating the accomplishments and dedication of Irish-American law enforcement officers. We have over 200 members representing local, county, state, and federal law enforcement agencies in the area.

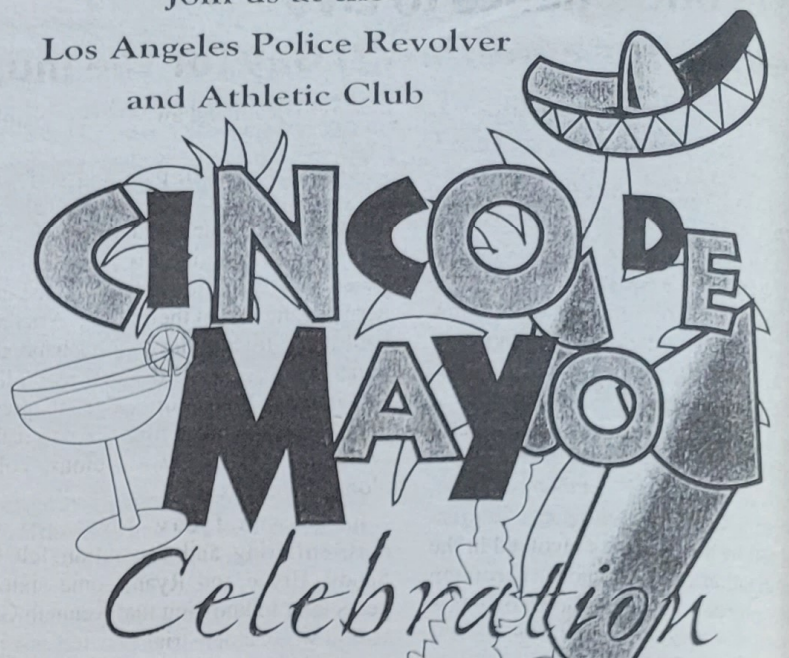
St. Patrick's Day activities had us hopping. On March 12th we joined with the Los Angeles City Council in the 123rd Annual Irish Day Civic Ceremony, sponsored by City Councilman Nate "O'Holden." The Society provided the flag-bearers and three bagpipers, and had a number of members marching behind the Society banner. Numerous presentations and awards were made, and City of Los Angeles Certificates of Commendation were presented to Society members. Gil Sawyer and Steve Kirby. There was even entertainment by young Irish Stepdancers. Councilwoman Laura Chick, who was to be made an Honorary Member of the Society because of her interest in law enforcement-related issues, was out of town that day. However, on March 17th, St. Patrick's Day itself, five members were able to attend the

City Council meeting and present her with a plaque and Honorary Membership for that day she became Laura "McChick!"

Our St. Patrick's Day Party at Maggie's Pub in the evening of the 12th was great fun. We had bagpipes and a drum, and music from the Ceili House Band. Matt McWillie, a relatively new convert to the bagpipes, had his inaugural performance (solo) and entertained the crowd with some excellent piping. Hm, Scott Walter last year, Matt this year—are we starting a tradition for new Emerald Society pipers? On March 13th the Society marched in the Hermosa Beach St. Patrick's Day Parade. We had six pipers and a drummer, and Society members and their families marching in the parade. Behind us came a green, 1924 Dodge Brothers paddy wagon, loaned to us for the parade by the Long Beach Police Department Command Officers Association. It was a fun parade with over 20,000 in attendance and a warm reception for the Society. After the parade, we walked a short distance to Bill Hallett's house for a great afternoon of food, drink, music, and friendship.

We meet once a month in the lounge at the Los Angeles Police Academy. Call our office for meeting information—(213) 71RISH3. Interested in playing the bagpipes or drums? Give us a call. Don't forget the Irish Fair at Santa Anita Race Track on June 19th-20th. We'll be there!

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## Poet's Corner

### A CHILD'S DEATH... AN OFFICER'S BURDEN

by Edward Guzman

So vivid are his features,  
and the clothing that he wore,  
Riding his bicycle and playing  
thirty feet from his mother's door.

With excitement and laughter he  
peddled his two-wheeled friend  
Enveloped in his world,  
this boy of nine or ten.

He never saw it coming  
or had never made a sound,  
When the truck he had run into,  
accidentally struck him down.

I dropped all police matters  
and ran into the street,  
Disregarding my nightstick,  
that fell at my feet.

I raced the distance  
which laid in between,  
But shock and fear grabbed me  
as I got to the scene.

A lifeless child  
with major injuries sustained,  
Emotions tore at me,  
but my tears were contained.

I huddled over him,  
listening for a breath of life  
But not a sound or a wheeze,  
emitted his wind pipe.

A very slight pulse  
I sensed in my touch.  
Mouth to mouth may be!  
Would that be enough?

I gently slid my hand  
beneath his small head,  
Realizing now, in a moment or  
so, he would be dead.

His skull had been crushed  
from the base to the crown.  
Not by a vice,  
but all the truck's pounds.

His life seemed to vanish  
as I held him in my hand,  
A last human struggle,  
to a boy from a man.

The fight for survival  
was lost that day  
But I've been there before,  
and to GOD how I pray.

I picked myself up  
and took a deep breath.  
Preparing for nightmares  
that would come as I rest.

I looked over the crowd  
as they quickly gathered,  
Attempting to identify  
the child's mother or father.

Unlike a signature,  
but a horrifying scream,  
Revealed the mother  
who rushed to the scene.  
"My baby... My baby!!"  
She cries in pain,  
And I can't do anything  
but absorb the hurt and the strain.

With policies in motion,  
and a crowd gathering round,  
I returned for my nightstick  
that fell to the ground.

My emotions were frayed  
as I dropped to one knee,  
Just a brief moment alone,  
before my stick, I retrieved.

As I adjusted my Raybans  
to hide the teary eyes,  
A woman caught a glimpse  
and asked, "Are you all right?"

With a heart full with emotions,  
and kind words of concern,  
It was hard not to break down,  
when I walked as I turned.

I never knew his hobbies,  
his character or name,  
But I still see his face,  
so embedded in my brain.

So vivid are his features,  
and the clothing that he wore,  
Laying now in silence,  
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# A Second Chance to Live (People vs Kenneth Earl Gay for the murder of Officer Paul Verna)

by Norman A. Jackson

I vividly remember that June afternoon in 1983 when Los Angeles Police Motor Officer Paul Verna was gunned down in cold blood, after a routine traffic stop, on a quiet residential street in Lake View Terrace. Paul Verna left behind a grieving widow, Sandy, and two sons, Bryce and Ryan, ages 9 and 4, respectively. I was a Detective with the Los Angeles Police Department and assigned to Robbery Homicide Division. I recall the pain, hurt, sadness, anger and sense of a great loss felt by all detectives involved in the investigation of this vicious, execution style murder of one of our officers. Through a professional, diligent, and thorough investigation of this senseless crime by detectives from Robbery Homicide Division, Kenneth Earl Gay was arrested and charged with the murder of Officer Verna, along with assorted other violent crimes. The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office professionally presented this case to a jury of Kenneth Gay's peers and he was convicted of First Degree Murder for the killing of Officer Verna. Subsequently, this same jury recommended that Kenneth Gay be sentenced to death and await that execution on Death Row.

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Imagine the grief, pain and suffering felt by Sandy for the loss of her husband, partner for life and father to her two young boys. Imagine the hurt, sadness, anger and frustration felt by Bryce and Ryan for the loss of their father. After all, Paul was a loving, devoted husband and father, as well as a Los Angeles Police Department Medal of Valor recipient. Paul Verna was taken from all of us in the prime of his life by a vicious, cold-blooded murderer.

Imagine now if you will this same pain, hurt, suffering and frustration felt by Sandy, Bryce and Ryan, some sixteen years later in knowing that Kenneth Gay will now get a new trial to determine his penalty for the murder of Officer Paul Verna. The nightmare begins all over again for these innocent victims of a violent predator. Mr. Gay gets a second chance at life as the result of an uncaring, failing judicial system. Why not? After all, Kenneth Gay's contributions to society up to this point are a history of violent felony convictions, murder and human manipulation. While Sandy and her boys struggled to put their shattered lives back together, Mr. Gay was on death row polishing his writing skills, at taxpayers' expense, to further manipulate the flawed judicial system. Paul Verna never got a second chance to live even though he was society's first line of defense, a bulwark of our American democracy and a positive influence in his community.

Recently, I retired from the Los Angeles Police Department after 29 years of service. All too often I witnessed the grief, pain and suffering by the family, friends and loved ones of victims of violent crimes. I had hoped to leave this all behind me in my retirement, but in this case I cannot. I personally did not know

Paul Verna and his family while he was among us, but I am now very familiar with the pain and frustration endured by his family and friends. I am also familiar with how our criminal court system has addressed the issue of justice to them. You see, Sandy is my loving wife, Bryce and Ryan are my treasured stepsons, and Paul, through his family and our mutual law enforcement profession, is my brother. Please, let us forever remember Paul Verna and what he stood for and against. Let us all stand up and see that justice is truly served.

## How A Family Law Court Can Ruin Your Career

by Michael P. Stone, Esquire

An officer or deputy is having marital difficulties. The problems do not resolve, and the member and the spouse end up in a family law court, in divorce proceedings. The parties have family law lawyers to represent their interests in the divorce, child custody and property disposition.

On its face, there is nothing particularly noteworthy or unusual about this scenario. It happens all the time, sadly.

However, when the spouse visits with the lawyer, spouse wants full custody of the children. Spouse claims the member is an abusive parent and husband or wife. Naturally, the lawyer searches for more facts to support this claim. Has the spouse been physically abused? Beaten? Threatened with a gun? Is the spouse in fear of further aggressive or assaultive behavior? Has the member ever uttered physical threats against the spouse? Is the member violent? Unpredictable? What are all of the incidents (going back years) wherein the member exhibited violence or aggression? Does the member drink? Are these incidents more frequent when the member has been drinking? Were there injuries? Medical records? Bruises or scratches? Photographs of injuries? Police Reports?

The lawyer properly gets all the details and begins to weave them, initially in thought, and later in writing, into a declaration, often with exhibits (photographs, letters, etc., for example) to be filed in the family law case, with declarations from others who either saw some evidence of abuse (bruises, scratches or black eyes, for example), or were told about the incidents by the spouse at a contemporaneous time.

The lawyer for the spouse gives notice to the member's lawyer of application to

the court for a restraining order in order to prevent any further instance of assault or abuse, or at least to reduce the opportunity for such incidents by limiting and controlling contact between the member and the spouse.

The family law court, faced with a convincing showing of the need for restraining orders based upon the spouse's and supporting declarations (and perhaps live testimony), does the only responsible thing—it issues the orders. If there is error, let it be on the side of safety and protection of the applicant for the orders. Improvidently issued orders can always be modified or rescinded. But there is no excuse for a court's failure to issue these orders upon a proper showing, when subsequent abuse or injury occurs. *Protection of the parties is the main judicial concern in these cases; not the collateral consequences that may accompany issuance of such orders.*

Nevertheless, it is the collateral consequences of these orders that are the focus of this article—because, in a very real sense, the family law court can ruin a career—often just by doing what is required to be done based on the circumstances.

No question, parties to domestic cases may be in jeopardy, or in real fear of assault, or in imminent danger of violent attack or abuse. No one would say it is the court's fault, or the lawyer's, or even the spouse's. The responsibility for the orders, and for the consequences to life, liberty and career, rests solely on the shoulders of the member who, by his or her conduct, has demonstrated justification for the orders.

(Editor's note: The League and Mr. Stone extend "congratulations to League lawyers Greg Petersen and Larry Roberts for the fine job in behalf of Ted Watson.)

## Career Development News

The Sergeant written examination is scheduled for June 12, 1999. The filing period opens on April 30, 1999. The Career Development Centers have updated the materials listed as bibliography items on the last examination. All items are available as check-out items. The Centers also have extensive materials regarding supervision as it relates to affirmative action, discipline, and sexual harassment. General information regarding FASTRAC and SARA is also available.

The Career Development program, in association with employee groups, will be hosting six preparation seminars for the Sergeant written examination at Parker Center Auditorium, from 1800 to 2100 hours. The seminars will be held on April 19th, April 27th, May 3rd, May 11th, May 17th, and May 25th. No reservations are required. Mock oral seminars will be scheduled at a later date.

Career development information is available to all LAPD employees through several resources. You may call or stop by the Career Development Centers at Lake Street (downtown) or Westchester (near the airport). You will also find updated information listed in the *Weekly Consolidated Notice* and on the 24-hour Career hotline. Career development information may be obtained by calling the following numbers: Lake Street at (213) 207-3000 (also the hotline), 3001, or Westchester at (310) 342-3172, 3118. The Career Development Centers are located at 227 N. Lake Street, Los Angeles or 5651 W. Manchester, Westchester.

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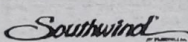


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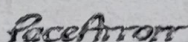
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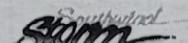
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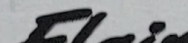
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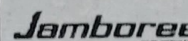
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## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### "The SLA" In Los Angeles

by Gail Ryan  
Newton Division

It's hard to believe it's been 25 years since one violent Friday afternoon in May, 1974, that the city and nation watched the live news coverage of the biggest shootout in LAPD history. The chain of events that set in motion "The Shootout" between the "SLA" and the "LAPD" on May 17, 1974, began in Berkeley, Calif. on February 4, 1974. The SLA kidnapped Patricia Hearst and sent a series of taped recordings with their demands for her release. When the demands were met and the time for her release drew

near, another tape recording was delivered to a Berkeley radio station. In this recording, Patricia stated "I have been given the choice of being released in a safe area or joining the Symbionese Liberation Army and fighting for my freedom and the freedom of all oppressed people. I have chosen to stay and fight." The "victim" had now become the "fugitive."



SWAT Team members deployed at 1466 East 54th St. return fire as the gunfight with the SLA erupts.

The SLA had been active in terrorist crimes in the Bay Area prior to Patricia Hearst's kidnapping. They were next heard from on April 15, 1974, when they executed a well-planned bank robbery of the Hibernia Bank in San Francisco. Patricia Hearst, armed with a .30 caliber carbine was caught on tape as one of the bank robbers. The SLA next surfaced in the Los Angeles area on May 16, 1974, when members William and Emily Harris entered Mel's Sporting Goods Store in Inglewood. After a foiled shoplift attempt, they escaped when a female started shooting out the windows of the store from a car parked across the street. The female was Patricia Hearst. Later that day they took an 18-year-old boy and his car hostage. They eventually let him go in the Hollywood Hills and took another male hostage along with his vehicle. Six hours later they released him in Griffith Park.

Sparked by mounting evidence of the SLA presence in the L.A. area, the FBI turned its investigation to a location in the area around 835 W. 84th Street. An early morning raid of the location on Friday, May 17, 1974, by both the LAPD and FBI turned up empty handed as far as suspects go, but three suitcases containing gas masks, women's wigs and handbags, SLA literature, shotgun ammunition, a short-wave radio and medical supplies were recovered from inside the house. Their two vans were missing. Around 1230 that day, two SWAT team members on patrol in Newton Division observed two vans parked at the rear of 1451 E. 53rd Street. Both vans matched the de-

scription given at the debriefing earlier in the day. In order to conceal police presence, two undercover officers were assigned to check the vans for identification numbers and registrations. The vans returned to a nonexistent address in the Bay Area. A chain of events had now started that would end in a shootout and fiery death of six. Around the same time, an anonymous phone call came to Newton Police Station from a woman stating several Caucasian females and males were staying at her daughter's house at 1462 E. 54th St., and that they had numerous handguns and rifles, confirming the whereabouts of the

SLA. And, then another anonymous phone call to Newton Station informed police that two Caucasian females had been seen working their way through backyards of the predominantly Black neighborhood to 5311 S. Compton Avenue. At 1600 hours, on May 17, 1974, over 410 officers of the Los Angeles Police Department, under the command of Capt. Mervin King, along with the FBI, CHP and LAFD would establish a command post at 57th and Alba Avenue. The next three hours would become history. Despite warnings, the residents of 1451 E. 54th St. and 5337 Compton refused to leave their homes. As the battle progressed and during lulls in the gunfire, some of these people changed their minds and were then evacuated.

At 1745 hours, the squad leader of SWAT Team One used a bullhorn to broadcast, "Occupants of 1466 E. 54th St., this is the Los Angeles Police Department speaking. Come out with your hands up." A small child walked out along with an older man. The man claimed no one else was in the house. The child stated that several people were in the house with guns and ammo belts. At 1753 hours, after several failed attempts to get anyone else to leave the house, a member of SWAT fired two 509 CS Flite-rite tear gas projectiles through a window. As soon as the second one dispersed, heavy bursts of automatic gunfire came from inside the front and rear of the house. Even today, one can see where the numerous bullets, that were fired, struck 54th St., and the building across from and to the rear of the SLA hideout. As the gun battle continued with very heavy automatic weapon fire coming from inside the house, SWAT teams continued to respond with semi-automatic weapons, shotguns and tear gas. When SWAT officer, Brackley, attempted to fire another round of tear gas into a window from a nearby roof, he was met with heavy machine gun fire from inside the house. More tear gas is fired. At 1841 hours the



Fire consumes the SLA hideout as SWAT Team leader with bull horn withdraws.

house is on fire. Another broadcast, "Come on out. The house is on fire. You will not be harmed." No response! The house is now fully engulfed in flames, two women leave the rear of the house and one comes out the front. All are locals not SLA. They had been in the house when the shooting started and had been afraid to come out before the fire.

At 1850 hours, the SWAT team started receiving automatic weapon fire from air vents in the foundation of the house. Nancy Ling Perry, wearing military fatigues, comes out of a crawl hole. Then Camilla Hall starts to emerge from the crawl hole, firing an automatic pistol toward members of SWAT. There is more automatic weapon fire coming from the crawl hole. Members of SWAT return fire. Camilla Hall drops to the ground and is dragged back through the crawl hole; Nancy Ling Perry falls ten feet away. At 1900 hours, two hours after the first round was fired, all hostile fire ceased. The L.A. Fire Department begins extinguishing the fire and two adjacent structural fires, even while ammunition was still exploding inside 1466 E. 54th St. All fires were out by 1930 hours. Then came the task of locating evidence. Tons of debris had to be sifted and searched. This began immediately after the removal of

The seventies had been the Age of Aquarius, social activists, anti-Vietnam War, political and civil rights protesting, Chicago Eight and the SLA. Twenty-five years later, the mixed-raced SLA is still remembered for the night they went out in a BLAZE OF GLORY for their beliefs in one of the most dramatic police confrontations of the day. The SLA, which had holed up unnoticed in the Bay Area, met their "Waterloo" in South Central Los Angeles, when "rich white girls with guns" running through alleys stood out, fatally blowing their cover. Patricia Hearst and the Harris's escaped that night, but were caught in San Francisco's Mission District on September 18, 1975. Following an eight-week trial for bank robbery and weapons charges, Patricia was sentenced to seven years in prison, a sentence ultimately commuted by then President Jimmy Carter. She married her bodyguard, a San Francisco policeman, became a housewife and mother and tried to slip quietly into the night. Her mother, Catherine, targeted by an assassin in June, 1972, divorced Patricia's father in 1978. On December 30, 1998, one month short of 25 years after her daughter's kidnapping, she died. A few weeks later, FBI Agent Bates, who was in charge of the San Francisco investigation, died. Lt.



Despite intense heat and flames weapon fire continued from inside the house. Note: officers seeking cover behind cement pillar at lower right.

the fifth body on May 17th, and continued until May 19th. On May 19th, at 0945 hours, investigators, sifting through ashes and rubble, discovered a sixth body. As the search progressed, it became evident that the SLA members had armed themselves with a veritable arsenal of weapons that included rifles, pistols, and shotguns.

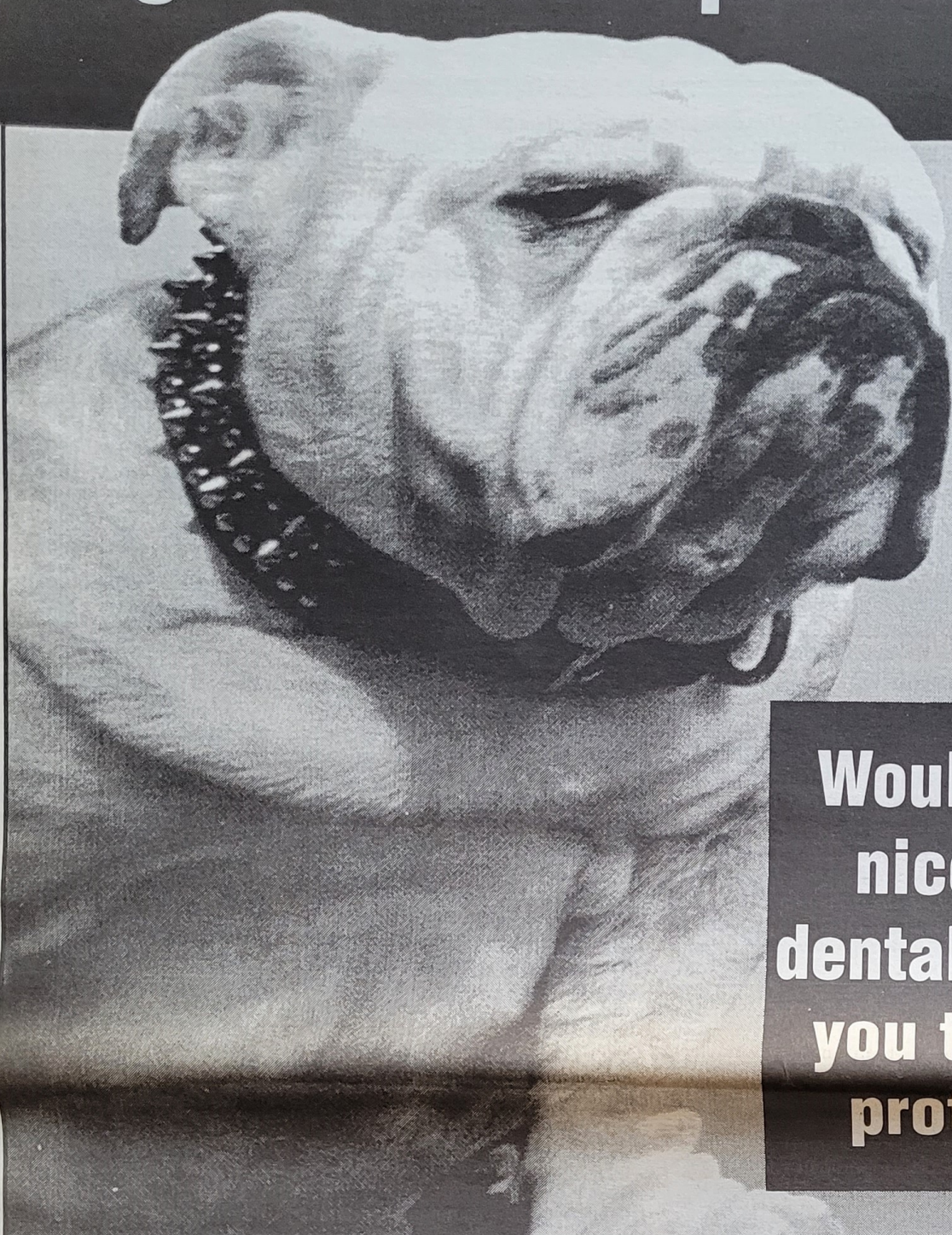
As the parents of Patricia Hearst waited and prayed their daughter wasn't among the dead, the L.A. County Coroner's office began the task of identifying the bodies. Coroner Thomas Noguchi personally phoned Patricia's tycoon father, Randolph, to assure him that his daughter was not among the dead. The other SLA parents had to learn of their children's deaths from Noguchi's press conference. The dead SLA members would be identified as Nancy Ling Perry, age 26; Angela Atwood, age 25; William Wolfe, age 23; Donald DeFreeze, age 30 (aka Cinque); Patricia Soltysik, age 24; and Camilla Hall, age 29.

Joe Sonlitner, the SWAT officer in charge, had already passed away on November 4, 1977, along with the bomb and ammunitions expert Det. Arleigh McCree (he would be killed on February 8, 1986, in a bomb explosion). LAPD's Chief of Police, Ed Davis, would retire and become a California State Senator, Assistant Chief Gates became Chief, Captain King, who was in charge of the LAPD SLA Shootout, retired, Lt. Bill Heins of CCS retired, and Newton Division's W/C that night, Pat McKinley, went to SWAT and eventually became Chief of Police in Fullerton, Calif. And the house at 1466 E. 54th St. is gone. All that remains today is a palm tree in a vacant lot and ghosts of an era gone by.

The author would like to thank the Los Angeles Police Historical Society, Retired Capt. Mervin King, and the Officers of Newton Division, including the author, that were there that night for their input in this story.



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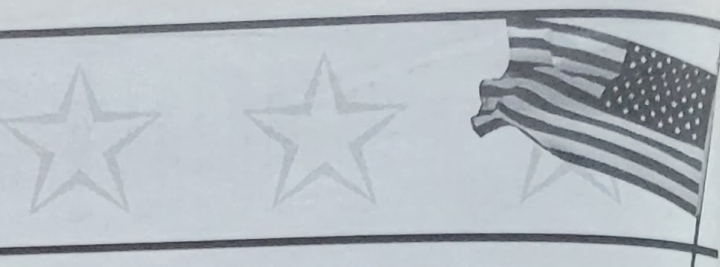
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# VETERAN'S CORNER



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## American Legion News

Commander Gail Tam, 381

Meeting: 3rd Tuesday,  
6:30pm - Panorama City  
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### Legion Calendar, Upcoming Events

Our next Post meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 18. We will vote on the nominations for post officers and delegates to the department convention in San Diego. Join us and plan to enjoy good fellowship.

### Welcome Recruit Class #3-99

On March 15, Marty Chalupa recruited 8 out of 8 new cadets. They served as follows: 1 (USN/USAF), 4 (USMC), 2 (USA), and 1 (USAF). We welcome you all. When you get the opportunity, come to our monthly meeting. We look forward to greeting each of you in person.

Our new members are Varonica Ragalado (USMC), George Olsey (USN/USAF), John Townsend (USA), Walter Jimison (USMC), Mario Contreras (USMC), Erbie Phillips (USA), Victor Lopez (USMC), and Stephen Bell (USAF).

### Fly Our Flag

Fly the flag every day to show your support for the Flag Amendment. If you can not, then display our flag on May

15th, Armed Forces Day, and May 30th, Memorial Day. On May 31st our country will observe Memorial Day, so fly the flag at half staff until sunset.

### Memorial Day

Memorial Day is a serious day because it reminds us of the more than 1 million men and women who have sacrificed their lives for us. This is a day to pay a debt of gratitude to those who died in the military service to our country so that their families and others may live in peace and freedom.

The flag of our country was draped on the caskets of those fallen American sons and daughters as a peerless reminder of the freedom that they died for. The mournful wail of "Taps" also serenaded those selfless patriots into the bosom of our creator. They must not be removed from our hearts and minds. We must continue to bury our patriots with honor and dignity and remember them and their surviving loved ones in our prayers. We must as a nation continue to keep our promises to our military personnel and their families.

We also pay tribute to those that served and have fallen by remembering them and visiting their graves—for they were blood of our blood. We will place flowers or our flag on their graves to honor them.

This day also mourns the passing from our national conscience of those values that inspired ordinary Americans to stand in harm's way and our national will to provide for them. Today, we have our military heroes continuing to fight for us. They are fighting police actions in Iraq and Serbia while our government has been shrinking their budget, reducing the resources necessary for equipment and training, lowering their personnel strength and reducing the funds necessary for the research and development that gives our military the edge that means life.

So we must also do one more thing—make sure that our military has what it

needs to make sure our cherished American values endure.

### The Need to be Prepared

History is loaded with examples of nations unprepared for war in their age, lacking vision or the will to capitalize on that vision. Lacking research and development, their people were placed in harm's way. In the past, these nations had to struggle to catch up and properly equip, train and organize their military in the face of a hostile advancing enemy. Foremost in the hasty and reactive preparations and responses, was developing and acquiring new weapons technologies, shaping their doctrine and training their war fighters in the new technologies with which they were equipped. The United States found itself with this problem following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. Only after two years of horrific setbacks and loss of life was the American military capable of exploiting superior industrial base to take the fight to Germany and Japan.

Warfare in the 21st century will not allow time for retroactive preparations because our industrial base will be vulnerable. This places a premium on vision, planning, research, development and forethought. The force that recognizes the diverse and chaotic nature of tomorrow's battlefield, develops and embraces an operational concept superior to any adversary, develops the equipment that remains 25 years ahead of any adversary, and adequately tailors its doctrine, organization, training, equipment, and supporting facilities to support that concept, will be victorious.

Iraq and Serbia today are examples of nations with a strong military in their sphere of influence that were easily defeated by the United Nations Forces, specifically the advanced technologies of the United States Military. *The military force that is not superior and prepared for tomorrow's conflict may not be allowed the luxury or time to make the adjustments before they are forced to capitulate.*

In short, if we are to remain a nation capable of protecting our people and our way of life, we must commit the assets necessary to be prepared. We were lucky in the past to have had the time we needed. We will not have that luxury today.

### Antelope Valley Legionnaires

Woody Baca wants all legionnaires and police officers that live in the Antelope Valley to know that if you are

looking for a hassle-free place to spend an evening with your friends, you have two American Legion Posts available. Commander Richard Hayes of American Legion Post 348 and George Pappas of American Legion Post 771 are both extending a warm welcome to you and your friends. If you enjoy singing, both posts offer weekend "karaoke" with award-winning DJs Jack Modell and Jay Travers. Post 348 is located at 6th Street East and Avenue R. Post 771 is located at 10th Street East and Avenue P. By the way, the prices are the best you will find in the high desert.

### Veteran's Preference Strengthened

The Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1998 has become law. This act concerns federal civil service examinations, and most importantly, extends veterans preference provisions to both the civil service examination and to non-political federal jobs, including legislative and judicial branches of government, plus the General Accounting Office.

The important part of this new legislation is that there are now enforcement provisions added to the original veterans preference laws. Under the new statute, veterans whose preference rights are violated can seek redress through the federal courts. In addition, hiring personnel now are legally prohibited from violating veterans preference.

The new law also expands employment opportunities for disabled veterans and Vietnam and Persian Gulf-era veterans with vendors doing business under federal contracts.

### Notifications

If you have any questions or concerns, contact me (Gail Tam) at (805) 498-2712.

### "My Apology for the 'Dividends Earned From GI Insurance' Article"

In my last Veteran's Corner article I relayed what I thought was reliable information regarding GI insurance dividends owed us under a new law. I then mailed for my dividends. I received a notice back that stated that there was no new law providing dividends and that the notice was a nationwide hoax. I then found out that it was too late to amend my *Blue Line* article on this subject. I wish to offer my sincerest apology for raising your hopes and wasting your time.

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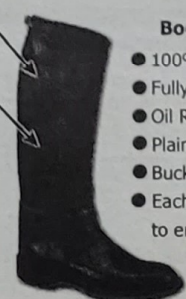
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# DIVISIONAL REPORTER

The Divisional Reporter is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. Divisional Reporters may submit one report per Division for publication. Deadline for submission is the 6th of the month for the following month's issue date.

## B.A.D. News

by Lou Koven  
Burglary Auto Theft Division

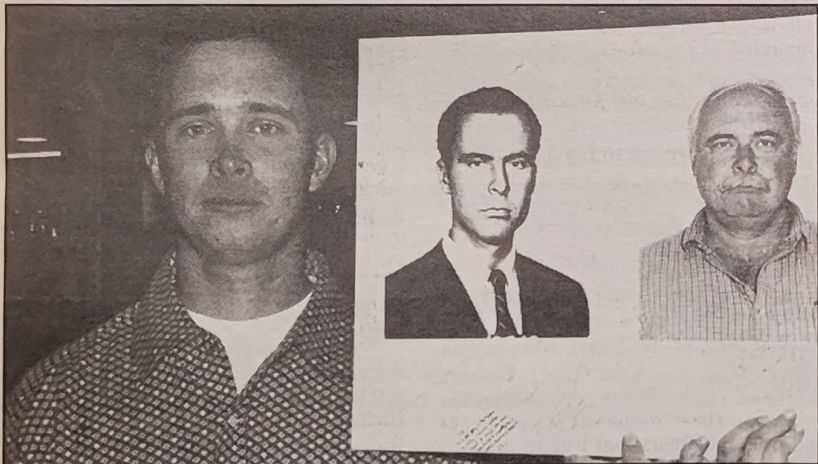
### In-N-Out

This month I have to admit the Ins outnumber the Outs. We welcome the following into BAD: Det. **K. Clifford** and PSR **Marguerite Fournier**, both



Delegate and Detective Keith Jackson (left) with his retired partner Detective III Gil Hetrick.

from Van Nuys Division, Officer **K. Scott** from Training Division and Captain's Secretary **Monica Lee** from Personnel Division. Out and back to Southeast Detectives, after a very short ride, is Det. **Jesse Bazan**. Congratulations to Capt. **Jackson**, who finally received his promotion to Captain-II, after working out of classification for more



Michael Hetrick, the son of Gil and Karen, who cannot deny his lineage.

than 45 days. Maybe you should contact the League. I think that's a grievance!

### Birthday Wishes

This month I have the pleasure of wishing the following people congratulations on the anniversary of their birth: **John Toland** (5/3), **Jaime Samaniego** and **Yvette Moreno** (5/11), **Darrin Ray** (wherever you are) (5/14), Capt. **Kyle Jackson** (5/20), and **Keith Jackson** (5/30). If **Reggie Jackson** had been born a week earlier (6/6), we would have had all three Jacksons assigned to BAD, born in the same month! Anyhow, happy birthday to you all. You're another year older this month.

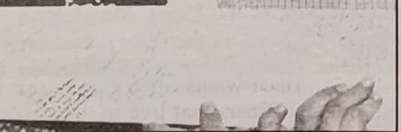
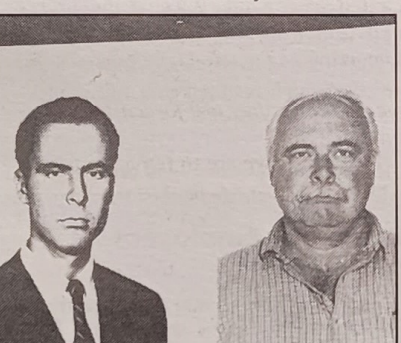
### Big Pow-Wow for Kimosabe - 2K42 EOW

On Friday, March 19, 1999, at the place where it all began, the Academy, BAD CATS put on a retirement bash for the renown Detective-III **Gilbert Wayne Hetrick**, #14712, who retired with over 30 years on the LAPD.

Gil joined the LAPD on December 30, 1968 and out of the Academy he was sent to 77th Division Patrol. During his time in the field, he also worked at Southeast and Harbor Divisions. He completed tours in Vice and Narcotics assignments and worked a federally funded auto theft task force called "BAD VETS." After Gil made detective he came back to BAD and after a short time came to the CAT section. Gil remained in BAD CATS until his retirement on January 30, 1999.

Gil has been an absolute inspiration to many of his younger less experienced partners and an excellent example on innovative detective work. Detectives from within LAPD and from numerous outside agencies sought his advice on auto theft investigations. Gil was also the Department's boat theft expert and assisted on a high profile case involving a police officer, yacht theft and murder. Gil was probably the first detective to write a search warrant to install Teletrac on a suspect's vehicle to track his criminal activities. This technique proved very successful and one of the suspects received a lengthy stay in a federal prison because of his investigation. Gil could always be counted on whenever or wherever he was needed.

Gil picked up several nicknames while on the LAPD. His most common nickname was "Bubba." One time while tracking an elusive Mercedes thief, he checked the tracks left on the dirty by the suspect's vehicle tires. He knew by the tread the vehicle was a Mercedes and he was immediately named "Ki-



mosabe" for his tracking ability. But his reputation as a great tracker was short lived and he and his partner were soon re-nicknamed "Sanford and Son," because of a scrap yard case involving stolen vehicles. When the case was over, the only result was some overtime.

Gil was also famous for his quotes, one of which was "what side of the courtroom do you want to sit on?" This was his way of convincing reluctant witnesses to cooperate with the police.

Gil is enjoying retired life. He has a 1995 Chevrolet Nomad as a restoration project along with his second home in Parker, Arizona, to occupy his time. Recently he remarked how full his schedule is since retirement and how relaxed he is without the stress of the job anymore.

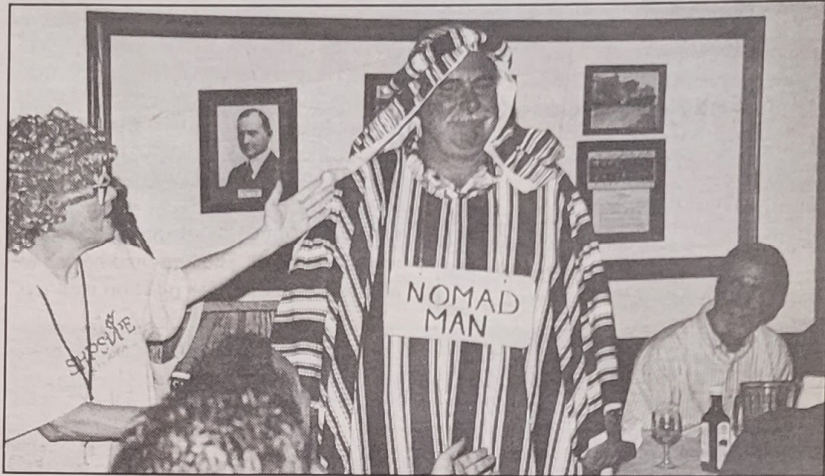


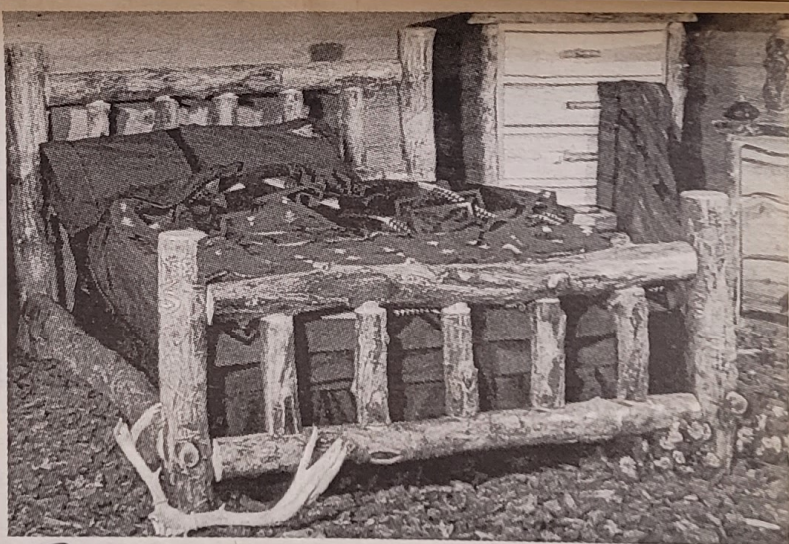
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The retiree, Gilbert "Bubba" Hetrick.

The retirement party was a huge success with over 90 of Gil's and his wife Karen's friends and family attending the event. Gil's neighbors drove all the way from Parker, Arizona, to join in on the festivities. I have been to numerous retirement parties for people assigned to BAD, but I have never seen such a good turnout of the retirees from BAD. Many of Gil's past fellow detectives and supervisors returned to celebrate his retirement. Just a few names that I recall were: Dets. **Greg Monroe**, **Bill Lovold**, **Jim Ward**, **Fred Rosalino**, **Gary Sims**, **Mark Myrdahl**, **B. J. Johnson**, **Ray Allen**, Lts. **Pat Conmay**, **Bob Stemples**, **Jim Murphy**, and Capt. **Jim Whitley**.

### Holiday Reminder

On Sunday, May 9th, it's Mother's Day, so don't forget the candy, flowers and cards for your mom and your wife or significant other. This is a special day, although to be honest I hate eating out on Mother's Day. The restaurants are crowded, they overbook, and the food and service seem to suffer. Nonetheless, we must celebrate the great contribution these women made to our lives. So, even if your mom lives somewhere else, send a card or pick up the telephone (early) and at least give her a call.



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## DIVISIONAL REPORTER

### 77th All★ American Division

by Maria C. Marquez  
77th Street Division

#### Saddle Up Sir

We recently had the privilege of honoring one of our own sergeants at his retirement party on March 10, 1999. Sgt. **Roger Dunning**, #20540, decided that



Sergeant Nick Titiriga, Sergeant Doc Gibson, Sergeant Roger Dunning & Sergeant Phil Jackson.

the only thing that he wanted to corral after 24 years with the Los Angeles Police Department was his horses! Sgt. **Doc Gibson** was in charge of the "posse" that ensured that this event went off without a "hitch."

When asked what kind of retirement party he wanted, Roger stated: "How

about a simple 77th steak fry." The Harbor Range became "the Black Angus" for the night, and Doc's posse put on a BBQ feast that was most appropriate for our favorite cowboy.

Sgt. **Nick Titiriga** was the "host" of all "hosts." If any of you know Nick, he can be quite the character when it comes to roasting an honoree. Roger was born on August 31, 1951 in McKeesport, Pennsylvania. He was a Marine for three years from 1969 to 1972 with a job title of "Watch Commander," and this was during the Vietnam War. In December of 1972 he was discharged as a sergeant and received "The National Defense Medal."

Roger joined the Department in February of 1974. Sgt. Titiriga ensured that we all knew that his class position was "36"

out of "36," and that he was sent to Central Division to complete his probation. From Central he worked Communications, Newton, Rampart, Southwest and then finally found a home at 77th Street. We were very fortunate to have Sgt. Dunning at 77th Street. Because Roger had a significant amount of job knowledge, he

was able to identify small problems before they became major. His witty sense of humor and rather unusual way of looking at life made his message to the officers very receivable. One of Roger's special skills has always been in the area of training. His display of willingness to take on the "gray areas" that all department policies create always promoted considerable discussion and argument amongst the troops. Roger has the ability to take presentations on our pursuit policy and use of force, play the "devil's advocate" and get us all to come to one conclusion: that they are all going to prison!

In addition to Roger's duties as a supervisor, he was all too often called upon to be a defense representative for various officers within the Department. This task became extremely time consuming for Roger because he had his supervisory duties to contend with as well, and because he firmly believed in an officer's right to representation, he worked many (many) long days.



Sergeant Roger Dunning and his wife, Jane.

Roger was presented with many awards on this night from various guests. The most impressive was indeed his shadow box. We would like to thank Roger's family for attending this event, and we wish the entire Dunning family "Happy Trails."

I would like to end this article with a famous Roger Dunning quote: "Always scrutinize, not criticize."



Sergeant Roger Dunning with his "Happy Trails" expression.

During this event, 77th Street wanted to acknowledge our appreciation to Roger's wife, Jane Dunning. For we know that while he was at work being there for his officers, it was Jane that was keeping home fires burning. PSR **Gale Briles** presented Jane with a dozen roses as a divisional thank you.

For the person who knows "how" will always have a job. The person who knows "why" will always be his boss.

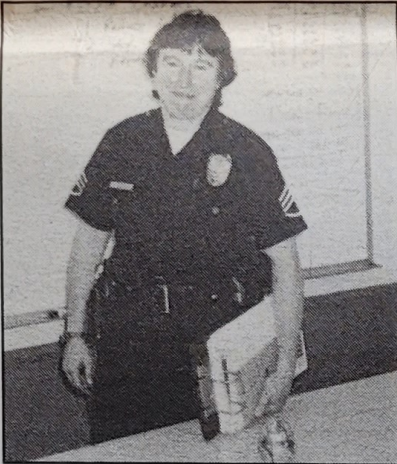
Be safe out there and have a safe "Cinco de Mayo." Salute!



by George S. Brietigam III  
Rampart Division

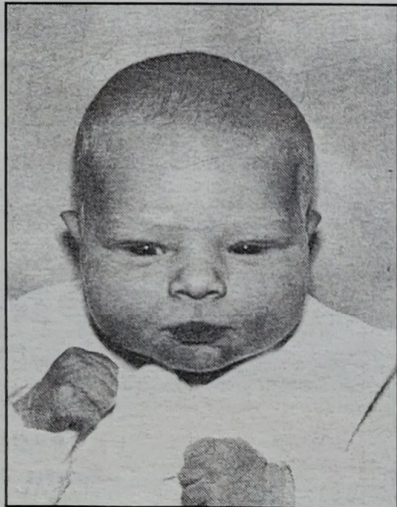
#### At-a-Boy!

On January 30, 1999, Officers **Amir El-Farra** and **Paul Hendry** were working Rampart Division, morning watch patrol. At approximately 0120 hours the officers responded to a radio call of an ADW, with a vehicle, just occurred at 1104 South Hoover Street, "El Taurino Restaurant." The suspect, driving a late '70s model, light brown van attempted to run down the victim, who is a security guard at the location. The victim fired two rounds at the suspect's vehicle. The officers arrived at the location and discovered that the suspect had been involved in an earlier incident at the restaurant. The suspect had been removed from the restaurant by security personnel for swearing at the cashier. The suspect returned to the location driving his van. The victim, who was in the parking lot, observed the suspect's vehicle enter the lot. The suspect then accelerated towards the victim. The victim drew his weapon and fired two rounds at the suspect. The suspect's vehicle missed the victim by less than three feet. The suspect fled the location eastbound on 11th Street. During their investigation, El-Farra and Hendry learned that the suspect was with a friend during the original incident. The officers were able to locate the suspect's friend, and after developing a rapport, convinced him to show them where the suspect lives.



Sgt. Rita Russell, "Why are you taking my picture?"

The officers conducted a follow-up to the suspect's residence, where the suspect was detained without incident. The officers also located the suspect's vehicle. The victim was transported to the location where he positively identified the suspect. The suspect was taken to Rampart Station for further investigation. At the station, Officer **Donna Reyes**



Stephanie Marie Stable: born Jan. 4, 1999; 7 lbs., 10 oz.

gave the suspect his rights in Spanish. After receiving a waiver, Reyes interviewed the suspect. The suspect first denied any involvement in the crime. Undaunted, Reyes continued with her interview. Reyes was finally able to get the suspect to admit to the crime and his involvement.

Officers El-Farra and Hendry are commended for their investigative techniques, tenacity and their willingness to track down a felony suspect, who would have otherwise gone free. Officer Reyes is commended for her interviewing techniques, which resulted in a full confession from the suspect. As a result of the outstanding work by the officers, the District Attorney's Office filed one count of ADW with a vehicle against the suspect.

#### Rampart's Employees of the Year

The results are in and congratulations are due this year's selections. **Rita Russell** (Sgt. of the Year), **Magdaleno Gomez** (Officer of the Year), **Robert Wolchief** (Det. of the Year), **Imelda Nuno-Lopez** (Civilian of the Year), and **Peggy Gibson** (Volunteer of the Year).

#### Stork Report

So far this year the stork has been kind to Rampart Division. On January 4, 1999, Michelle Stabile, wife of Sgt. **Rick Stabile**, gave birth to Stephanie Marie Stabile. Stephanie tipped the scale at 7 pounds, 10 ounces. Mother and baby are doing fine.

Officer **Guillermo Fajardo** and Gabriela Tovar are the proud parents of a baby girl. Amaya Izel Fajardo was born on April 3, 1999, at 4 pounds, 15 ounces. Mother and baby are doing fine.

#### Fresh Meat!

Rampart welcomes Lt.(2) **J. Cole**, Det. **J. Sanchez**, and Det. **Carlos Silva** from Narcotics, Sgt. **G. Sanders**, P-2 **R. Bishop**, and P-2 **J. Dejesus** from DEV, P-2 **R. Lee**, and P-2 **D. Mejia**



Lt. Litton presents Sgt. Gorden a new 9mm.

from Foothill, P-2 **E. Quirk** and P-2 **S. Szymkowiak** from WLA, P-2 **L. Kolb** from VNYS, P-2 **D. Garland** from S/W, and P-2 **K. Nam** from CED. Good luck in your new assignments.

#### C-Ya!

Rampart regrets to announce the departure of Sgt. **Agnes Gorden** to NHWD, Det. **Rosibel Smith** to DHD, P-2 **Michael Barker** and P-3 **Juan Powers** to Metro, P-3 **David Peteque** to WVAL, P-2 **Aron Algren** and P-2 **Frank Arujo** to DEV, P-2 **Stephen Beerer** to S/W, P-2 **Emanuel Sanchez** to PAC, P-2 **Diane Alonza** to EODD, and P-2 **Carlos Barrios** to HWD. All are outstanding examples of Rampart Division. You will be missed.

#### Climbers!

Congratulations are due **Jack Martin** on his promotion to Sergeant, **Martina Villalobos** picked up Det. 2 in 77th, **Cameron Mesina** is now a P-3 Field Training Officer in NHWD. **Jeff Anderson** and **Larry Bennett** grabbed the Rampart Det. 2 spots. **Manuel Dickerson** and **Lino Santana** are the new P-3+1s. **Dan Burzamono** and **Ivon Ortiz** took the Detective Trainee spots.



# Pacific Breeze

by Cheri Roberts  
Pacific Division

## Boosters' Awards

On March 1st, the Pacific Area Boosters held their annual awards luncheon at the Marina Marriott Hotel. **Michelle Eskridge**, from our Community Relations Office, did a wonderful job (on our end) putting the luncheon together. Congratulations to all of the honorees: DAP of the Year: **Gerardo Lara**; Reserve Of-

Year: **Steffani Cornine**; Citizen of the Year: **Michael Russell** (and not pictured) Captain's Award: **Earle Lord**.

## Forty-nine Years ... and Counting

PCP-3 **Marlene Greenfield** was also recently honored by the city of Los Angeles for her 49 years of service. There was an awards luncheon held, and City Councilwoman Ruth Galanter presented Marlene with a beautiful certificate which was signed by several prominent people and commended her for her years of service, and her commitment to the city of Los Angeles. Congratulations goes out to Marlene. What would we do without you?!

## WTD Went!

I can't believe it myself! After 20 years of being "temporarily housed in our facility," WTD has finally moved. (Not that we were in a hurry to get rid of them ...)

for more barbecues! And remember, the money that goes into the station fund comes right back out for us the officers and divisional personnel. So please support the fund-raisers! We also want to

**Cossairt, Mendoza and Olmos** all over from HARB, Officer **Vincent** in from NEWT, Officer **Sanchez** in from RAMP, Officer **Delariva** over from SE, Officers **Bambrick** and **Brown** in from



photo by McVay  
Director Dennis P. Zine wishing congratulations to retiring member and loyal Delegate Dale Best and his wife Linda. Dale's son is on the far right. Dale has retired after 30 years of loyal service.



Honorees from the Booster's Award Luncheon.

ficer of the Year: **Nathan Jones**; Explorer of the Year: **Arturo Martinez**; Volunteer of the Year: **Norma Rabe**; Officer of the Year: **Pete Llanes**; Booster of the Year: **Sibyl Buchanan**; President's Award: **Judith Gorum**; Detective of the Year: **Frank Rood**; Civilian of the

But, the extra room sure is nice. We are now attempting to get the vacated area cleaned, painted, tiled, and so on. But what a chore that is. It seems that there is no money, no matter who you ask. So it looks as though we're going to have to come up with our own funding. Stand by

wish WTD the best of luck in their new building. (We still expect to see you at the barbecues!)

## Movin' Up

Congratulations goes out to the following people who have recently been promoted: Lt. II **Kirk** who is coming to Pacific from WIL, Sgt. **Monfils** over from USD, Sgt. **Beatty** in from WVAL (and old T/O of mine), P-3 **Nemeroff** in from ND, P-3 **Yamamoto** in from SE, P-3 **Lee** in from WIL, and our very own D-2 **Lynn Hunter** and P-3 **Mike Padilla** who will both remain here at Pacific. Best of luck to all!

## Movin' In

We welcome the following people to the beach: Lt. **Olvera** over from PER, Officer **Jackson** in from 77th, Officers

TBD, Officer **Wagner** in from WVAL, SR PSR **Ables** in from ECCCCSD, and in from TRNG, P-1s **Cammack** and **Meredith**. Welcome to the Fun Zone!

## Movin' Out

We wish the best of luck to the following people who are leaving Pacific: Lt. **Frank** who is headed for NHWD, Det. (Sgt.) **Eddens** who is off to SW, Sgt. **Akune**, who is going to TRD, Officers **Stone** and **Samuels**, who are off to DEV, Officer **Laster**, who is headed for DHD, Officer **Ward**, who is going to EODD, Officer **McCain**, who is going to HWD, and Officer **Ferrerria**, who is leaving us for NEWT. Take care, and be safe!

Happy May! And don't forget your mothers, wives, etc. on Mother's Day!!

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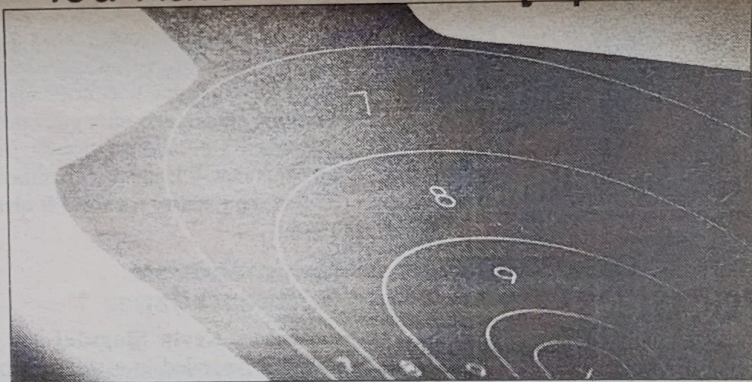
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## DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Lauro V. Montes  
Northeast Division

My sincerest apologies to all Northeast personnel for not writing the April article. A severe case of bronchitis got the better of me about the time the article was due (March 6th). And now on to the good stuff.

### Above and Beyond the Call

Officer **Hugo Trujillo**, #23665, underwent successful kidney transplant surgery at the UCLA Medical Center on Wednesday, March 10th. Oscar Trujillo (Hugo's older brother) also underwent successful kidney surgery. Oscar was the kidney donor that will enable Hugo to recover from the kidney failure he had been suffering from since December of 1997. Once again, it's big brother to the rescue. Both Hugo and Oscar are at home recovering from their surgeries. It's safe to say both brothers won't forget 3/10/99 anytime soon. A speedy and healthy recovery to both of you.

### Gridiron News

The Northeast flag football team recently competed in a LAPRAAC flag football tournament. Northeast started off slowly by losing to Rampart but rebounded from that loss by winning three in a row. Northeast defeated *Transit*, *Hollywood*, and in a grudge match with Rampart, they came out victorious. These three wins set up a championship game with Southeast Division. The Northeast squad played valiantly but came up short as Southeast Division was the top dog. Congratulations to **Boe Adams**, **Gabe Rodriguez**, **J. C. Healy**, **Joel Flores**, **Kenny Korn**, **Frank Murillo**, **Frank Garcia**, **Stephen Hahm**, **Al Garcia**, **John Kim**, **George Goodyear**, **Vic Arellano**, and **Greg McMillan**, on their second place finish and for helping to maintain Northeast Division's proud athletic tradition.

### Bouncing Bundle of Joy

Congratulations to Officer **Amy Standage** and her husband on the birth of their son, **Chase Robert**, on 2/11/99. Chase weighed in at 5 pounds, 12 ounces, and was 18-1/2 inches in length. Mother, father and son are all doing fine.

### Slo-Pitch Softball

On Tuesday, March 30th, Northeast #2 faced Central Division in the Northern League opener for 1999. Northeast #2 led 2-1 after two innings, but were outscored 16-3 after that. Central was the convincing winner on this day, 17-5.

Northeast #1 opened their 1999 Central League against Hollywood Division the following day. Hollywood Division was leading in the 7th inning, but Northeast #1 staged a furious rally in their last at bat to prevail 8-7. Northeast #1 should definitely be considered as one of the teams to beat in the Central League.

### Promotions

Congratulations to the following officers on their recent promotions: Sgt.-1 **Boe Adams** to Sgt.-2 (HWD),

Det.-2 **Dolores Spradling** to Det.-3 (remains), Det.-1 **Andy Teague** to Det.-2 (remains), P-3 **R. Benefield** to Sgt.-1 (NE), P.O. Spec. **Mark Zimmerman** to Det.-1 (NE), P-3 **Stuart Michelson** to Det.-1 (NE), P-3 **Robert Lewis** to Det.-1 (NE), P-2 **Tony Puchi** to P-3 (remains), and P-2 **Kevin Stogsdill** to P-3 (remains).

### Bienvenidos

A big Northeast Division welcome to the following personnel: P-2 **J. Costa** from WIL, P-2 **J. Miller** from WVAL, and P-1 **B. Ashley** from TRNG. We hope you enjoy your new home. Grab a street guide and start studying it.

### Adios

A huge thanks to the following personnel for their hard work while they were here: P-2 **Will Durr** to DEV, P-2 **Al Garcia** to Newton, P-2 **Morlee Watson** to VTD, P-2 **Paul Ahn** to WIL, PSR **Pam Allensworth** to DHD, and P-1 **D. Hunt**. Let's see how well Al Garcia does without his T/O **Luis Jurado**, and Paul Ahn without his T/O **Leo Rey**.

### Condolences

Northeast personnel extend their deepest sympathy to our Area O.I.C., Captain **Louis H. Gray** (and family) on the recent passing of his mother, Betty.

### Detective of the Quarter

Det.-2 **Louis Loya**, #16052, is a 29-year veteran of the LAPD. In the fall of 1998 Det. Loya was the temporary Det.-3 of the Mac Table. Det. Loya accepted the challenge with eagerness and enthusiasm. Det. Loya identified a training problem in the domestic violence unit and tackled it with vigor. Year end stats told Det. Loya's worth. The Mac Table clearance rate was 96% and domestic violence clearance rate was 105%. Det. Loya created a positive work environment, inspired subordinates, shares his expertise and advice with fellow personnel, and possesses the characteristics of an outstanding leader. It is with great pride that Northeast Operations Support Division presents Det.-2 **Louis Loya** as the Detective of the Quarter for the 4th quarter of 1998.

### Commendable Northeast Caper

Officers **Kevin Stogsdill** and **Keith Green** responded to a welfare check at 4521 Caledonia. Upon arrival, Officers were met by a partially deaf 90-year-old female who resides alone at the location. Their investigation revealed she was okay but required assistance to maintain her daily life. Both officers displayed a very caring and compassionate attitude toward this elderly woman. Prior to their departure the officers were asked to "cook her dinner." Both officers, without hesitation, prepared the soup and canned stew that was requested. After serving the dinner, they advised the elderly woman they were going to buy her additional canned goods. Officers Stogsdill and Green (using their money) purchased additional canned goods that were requested. Both officers are commended for their attention to duty and professionalism and for taking that extra step in caring for the welfare of a victim of age and loneliness. (Submitted by Lt. **Ruben Sanchez**.)

### Final Word

That about wraps it up for this month. If any of you have any photos or news items, just place them in my mailbox in the report writing room. I'll take care of the rest. Until we meet again, be careful, expect the unexpected, don't overdrive, and think guns.

## VAN NUYS Happenings

by Bob Rose  
Van Nuys Division

Let's start with the really important things in life. Got to report the birth of a fine daughter of Wilshire's **Ann Schube** and our own **Scott Schube**. **Emily Schube** arrived on December 4th of last year and gets better looking every day, or so says Scott, and he must know. **R. Thomas** of North Hollywood will move his Sgt. two stripes to Van Nuys to become our new assistant watch commander. **Rita Benefield** has left our detectives to become a field sergeant at Northeast. **M. Tinker** also bugged out and went to Southeast as a detective two. **Y. Carson** will slide on in to our detectives from IAG. **K. Clifford** goes to BAD. Mmmm, doesn't sound right. How about B.A.D. . . . better. **M. Morris** comes to us from EODD to make P-3 . . . on the wheel, we lost **Mary Fencel** to Club Dev, **Mike Mazzacano**, and **Miguel Reynoso** will go along to keep her company. **Larry Kolb** will be en route to Rampart and **Demain Wyma** is going to TBD. **Ramiro Capa** will like TRD (I hope) and **Doug Wilson** will peddling around at USD. As the wheel turns, we will get **M. Hernandez** from 77th, **M. Hammett** from DEV, **Y. Montenegro**

her clothing when L.A.'s finest arrived. The fatso decided to run, but our officers noted that he was running down the street and remained in their ride. Hmmm, our cars are usually faster than fat suspects. The idiot was captured and hopefully removed from our midst for a long time. Maybe they can find a Mike Tyson type cellmate for him. Thinking of PMs, the Big move to send our senior leads back to the field found an immediate incident. **Vivian Flores** (or Mrs. Hart, if you wish) responded to domestic violence call with her partner, **Heather Gahry**. On arrival, Officers were directed to the suspect's location where he was sucking down numerous beers with two buddies. The buddies decided that their compadre would not go to jail. Vivian got one handcuff on his right arm and it all went south. The suspect was gone



Tom Bibbs, Bob Rose and Craig Kitchener show off latest rain gear. "Stylin"

with Heather in foot pursuit. The other two clowns jumped Vivian. Soon Heather realized that her partner was not joining in this pursuit and returned to see why. The altercation was now in full force with Vivian on the ground, her baton and radio underneath



Been a while since old "Leadlegs" Paulson has hit the field, so her unit made a special bicycle for the ride.

from DEV, **K. Ellwood** from Hollenbeck, **M. Figueroa** and **S. Park** from Newton, **G. Molina** from North Hollywood, **D. Sancho** from Southeast, **C. Silva** from Southwest, and **G. Delarosa** from OWB. Still moving around, **W. Choi** and **J. Kwon** will head out to Wilshire, **J. Gutierrez** to West L.A., and take **P. Mah** with him. Finally **Linda Le** will go to West Valley. Three recruits will be coming in: **D. Fernandez**, **J. Llucio**, and **D. Wilburn**. Wow, that's a lot of folks moving around.

**Dan Keyser** took a rather unusual 459 report. A suspect broke into a storage area rented by a pharmaceutical company and took off with \$11,000 in Viagra samples. When the perpetrator is caught, they will certainly face stiff penalties. Then **Craig Kitchener** had a report of the suspect involved in a MISD H&R, the victim told the suspect he would hold his keys until the police were summoned via his cellular phone. The suspect then went to the trunk of the vehicle, removed a .38 cal revolver and told the victim, "If you phone 911, I will shoot you." The victim declined to phone the police, and suspect told the victim that this was a rental car from enterprise, his name and phone number. I guess he was paranoid about H&R, but did not care about ADW.

PM Watch has been plagued by a southend of the division robbery/rape suspect. But no more thanks to the fine work of **Mark Buck** and **Dan Davis**. Our bad guy was in the act of having the victim remove

a fence. Heather finally got the suspect off of Vivian and both suspects fled to a vehicle and proceeded to flee the location. But responding officers to the help call spotted the described vehicle and captured both suspects. The 273.5 PC suspect was later spotted by another unit between two houses and ordered out. A request to see hands failed, and this suspect was taken to the ground. When officers attempted to cuff the suspect, they noted one wrist already contained a handcuff. Good way to I.D. suspects, Vivian. All three were booked on felony charges. Welcome back to Patrol, Vivian, or welcome back when all your broken parts heal. We like you, heal fast.

AM would like to defend themselves and prove that contrary to some people's belief, this is probably the watch with our hardest chargers. (Our last two officers of the year came from this watch). Officers **Larry Koren** and **Chris Walker** responded to a 211 investigation, got our a good broadcast, and Officer **Justin Bergmann** and **James Bradford** soon spotted three possible suspect. Officer **Pepe Ugarte** interviewed the suspects and got a partial cop out. As I said, we got lots of quality officers on this watch. Hope they stay. May poor old body just cannot take those hours anymore.

Well, had lots of things to get out this time around. Will pick some things I missed next. Keep up the good work and have fun. See ya next . . .

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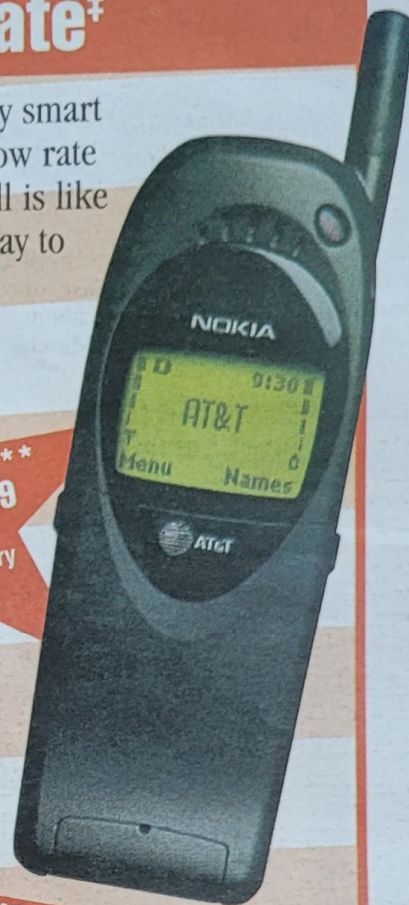


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# LAPD Ski Team

By Ingrid Braun

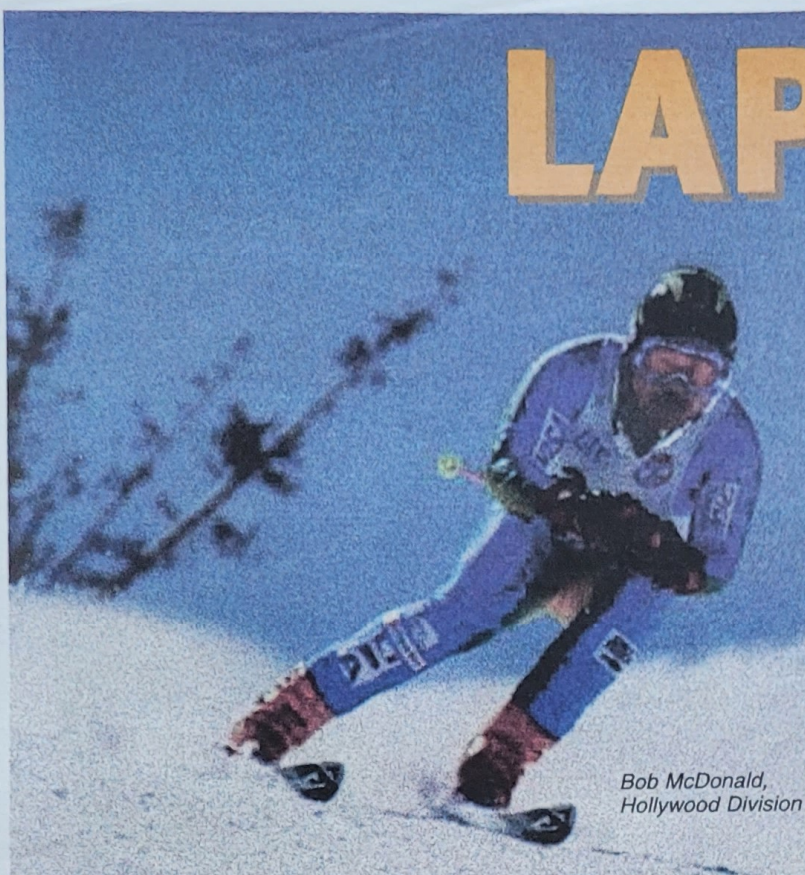
The 1998/1999 ski season proved to be another outstanding year for the LAPD Ski Team. The team participated in four separate competitions across the country, and each time we were rewarded for our efforts. Overall, the team amassed 110 individual medals, two first place trophies, one second place trophy and one third place trophy. This year's team consisted of thirty-three competitors, almost all of whom received medals and/or individual honors.

The first race of the season attracted only one competitor from our team, retired Sgt. Bill Page (must be nice to have time to travel!). Bill attended the Tour de Cops ski race hosted by the RCMP in Silver Star, British Columbia. Bill won several medals and

has convinced many of us to make the long trek up there next year.

Our second competition was the North American Police Ski Championships in Snowmass, Colorado. This large event drew skiers from all over North America, and was sponsored by Paul Mitchell and other sizable companies. This was a fantastic event, both for the skiing and the camaraderie with fellow police officers. Many competing officers brought their friends and families, who participated in all the races and events. We had some big winners at this event; Mike Braun and Rick Conrado took the first place expert trophy, and Bob McDonald and Max Phillips won the first place advanced trophy. Many of our other racers, including first-timers Jeff Hazer and Mike Snowden, also won several individual medals. A special congratulations to Chip Seamans, who came out of racing retirement and competed for the first time as a police officer. Chip raced quite respectably against the tough expert class. And speaking of special congratulations, Kelly Stallings and her husband, Jim (Oxnard PD) should be recognized for their generous donations during the Special Olympics auction night. This event raises money for the Special Olympics (close to \$30,000 this year), and some very special racers donate their time to ski with the Special Olympic participants. Our very own Rick Conrado should be commended for volunteering his time to spend a day with these special athletes.

Next up were the International Police Winter Games in Whistler, Canada. This huge event brought competitors from around the world to participate in hockey and alpine skiing. Over 500 people competed and celebrated in Whistler Village. We brought eleven alpine skiers, and we were pleased to be joined by the L.A. Bullets hockey team. The competition at this race is always stiff, due to the heavy Austrian and German contingent. Several of the "Euros" were former World Cup racers. This makes it especially difficult for us working people,



Bob McDonald,  
Hollywood Division



Fire/Police Winter Olympics Competitors: Front Row: Mike Johnson, Rob Lerner, Mike Braun, Bob McDonald, Bill Page, Rick Conrado and Lindsey Williams. Second Row: Frank King, Andy Smith, Janet Kim, Monique Carillo, Kelly Stallings, Angela Krieg, Charles Rodriguez and Tim Grabe. Top Row: Lou Vince, Max Phillips, Mike Patton, Arnold Valdez, Rick Salazar, Bruce Christensen and David Reyes. Not pictured: Brian Owen, Bryan Fox and Karen Guillermo.



North American Police Ski Championships Competitors.  
Front row: Kelly Stallings, Ingrid Braun, Maggie Furmansk, Bruce Christensen, Max Phillips, Mike Braun.  
Back row: Rick Conrado, Glenn Jackson, Bill Page, Jeff Hazer, Chip Seamans, Andy Smith, Bob McDonald, Mike Snowden.



International Police Winter Games Competitors:  
Standing: Diane Webb,  
Seated: Bob McDonald, Bill Page, Ingrid Braun, David Reyes and Rick Webb.  
Kneeling: Mike Braun, Rob Lerner, John Artes and Mike Patton. Not pictured: Charles Rodriguez.



Ski Team Coordinators:  
Rick Conrado, Ingrid Braun and Mike Braun.



# m Strikes Gold

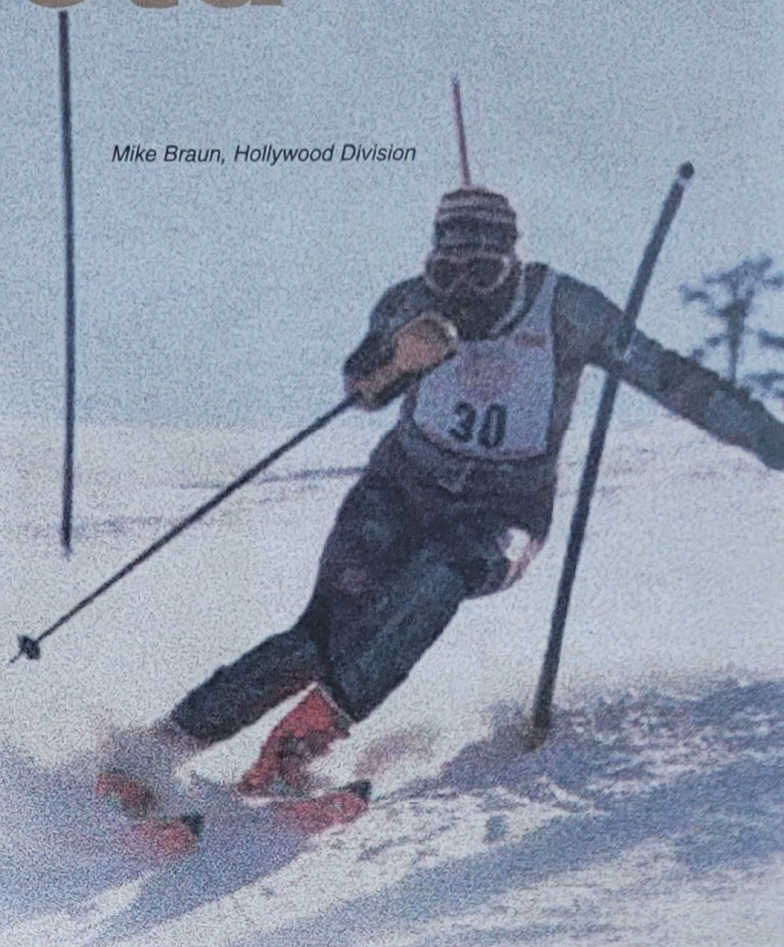
like Rob Lerner and Mike Braun, to score any medals. We can proudly say Mike Braun was the fastest North American, and the Austrians commended him for his efforts on the hill. We were pleased to have the Rick and Diane Webb family at the race. Congratulations to Rick for bringing home some medals, and to Diane for being such a trooper. Another outstanding first-timer at this race was John Artes, who was not only entertaining, but he won some medals too.

The North American Tour ended at the California Fire/Police Olympics in Mammoth. We had a tremendous turnout this year, with twenty-six competitors, including first-time snowboard racer Bryan Fox. Bryan competed in three races and a border-cross, finishing fourth every day. Not bad for his first time out. We had some first-time skiers too, such as Janet Kim, Brian Owen, Rick Salazar, Arnold Valdez, Frank King, Karen Guillermo, Monique Carrillo and Lou Vince. A great time was had by all, and some medals were accumulated also amongst this group. This was a big event for us, and we have some trophies to show it. Mike Johnson was honored as the best overall skier

(Nordic/Alpine) and the fastest cross-country skier. Unfortunately, the first place team award was taken by the Mammoth Volunteer Fire Department (hence the word volunteer), but we took both the second and third place trophies. These teams consisted of Mike Johnson, Mike Braun, Rick Conrado, Rob Lerner, Andy Smith, Bill Page, Tim Grabe and Angela Krieg. Next year's event plans to be even bigger and better, with additions of snowboarding events and a skier-cross.

Our ski racing season is now over, but there is still plenty of snow in Mammoth, of which many of our team members are taking advantage. Be sure to check out our Web site at <http://users.kcyb.com/lapd/> or, if you're up at the academy, take a look at our redesigned trophy case across from the LAPRAAC store. Speaking of LAPRAAC, we would like to thank them for all of their continued and generous support. Also, thanks to Dynastar Skis, Lange Boots, Marker Bindings and clothing and Bolle eyewear for supporting our team. Keep an eye out for our "get ready for ski season" article this fall, and we'll see you on the slopes! ❖

Mike Braun, Hollywood Division



## COMMENDABLE COPPER CAPERS

**Sgt. Martin Spann,**  
Serial No. 25923  
**Sgt. Larry Maillet,**  
Serial No. 22478  
Newton Area

On July 23, 1998, at approximately 1600 hours, Sgt. Martin Spann, #25923, assigned to Newton Area Patrol, was driving northbound on Central Avenue approaching 20th Street. Sgt. Spann was flagged down by several citizens who stated a man was unconscious on the floor inside the business at 2004 South Central Avenue. Sgt. Spann quickly exited his vehicle and observed a male, approximately 65 years old, to be unconscious and not breathing. The victim, Madiros Kocar, 63 years old, was later found to have been in full cardiac arrest. Sgt. Spann immediately broadcast, via his police radio, to Communications Division requesting a rescue ambulance to his location for a male unconscious and not breathing. Sgt. Larry Maillet, #22478, assigned to Newton Area Patrol, hearing Spann's broadcast and being a block away, immediately responded to assist Spann.

While completing his request for a rescue ambulance, Sgt. Spann retrieved a Laerdal pocket mask, designed for mouth-to-mouth ventilation of a non-breathing person, from his patrol bag. Sgt. Spann quickly returned to Kocar and began one rescuer CPR. As Spann began CPR, Sgt. Maillet arrived to assist Spann. Working in tandem, the sergeants performed two-rescuer CPR. Spann and Maillet continued to provide CPR to Kocar for several minutes until Los Angeles Fire



Sgt. Larry Maillet and Sgt. Martin Spann.

Department rescue ambulance number 814 arrived.

Rescue ambulance number 814 was staffed by Fire Fighter Selwyn Lloyd, #SL1210, and Fire Fighter Fred Purcell, #FP3608. Lloyd and Purcell had been dispatched on an "injury" call (low priority call) to 2004 South Central Avenue. Upon arrival, Fire Fighters Lloyd and Purcell were surprised to see Sgts. Spann and Maillet providing CPR to a down victim. Lloyd and Purcell immediately removed their medical equipment box and defibrillator from the ambulance and deployed to the victim. Sgts. Spann and Maillet continued CPR while the Fire Fighters attached a portable EKG to Kocar. The EKG revealed Kocar had no recordable heartbeat. Kocar required three applications of the defibrillator before his heartbeat could be restored and recordable on the EKG. Once Kocar's heartbeat was restored, Kocar was immediately transported to USC Medical Center where Doctor Marc Eckstein treated Kocar. Doctor Eckstein stat-

ed Kocar was in critical condition and connected a respirator to assist him in breathing.

On Friday, July 24, 1998, Mr. Madiros Kocar regained consciousness. Mr. Kocar was transferred to another hospital and appears to be headed to a positive recovery.

Fire Fighters Lloyd and Purcell stated, "If not for the quick actions of Sgts. Spann and Maillet during the critical moments after Kocar's heart had stopped, Kocar would have been dead when they arrived at 2004 South Central Avenue." Lloyd and Purcell observed Spann and Maillet using excellent CPR technique and both appeared calm and in control of the incident.

Doctor Marc Eckstein stated Sergeant Spann's possession of a breathing mask and his ability to use it to save Mr. Kocar's life was extraordinary. Eckstein further stated Kocar showed strong resistance to the respirator upon arrival at the hospital and that indicated neurological activity and a potential for recovery of normal brain functions.

Gulbenk Kocar stated he was having a conversation with his father when his father collapsed. He felt helpless to do anything for his father. When Sergeant Spann appeared, he did not hesitate to take action and took control of the situation by immediately beginning CPR. G. Kocar then saw Sergeant Maillet appear and both Sergeants performed CPR on his father for quite awhile until the Fire Department Paramedics took his father to the hospital. G. Kocar said he did not know CPR and that no one in the business knew CPR. G. Kocar stated if it had not been for the actions of the two sergeants, his father would have died. G. Kocar stated, "Two sergeants and the Fire Department are the reason my father is alive today."

Sergeants Spann and Maillet are commended for their decisive actions which resulted in the preservation of a human life. Sergeants Spann and Maillet reacted instantly based on their training and ability to perform in a high stress life-threatening situation. On July 23, 1998, Sergeant Martin Spann and Sergeant Maillet gave true meaning to the Department motto, "To protect and to serve." At the moment when a life depended upon their actions, they epitomized what all Los Angeles Police Officers stand for and believe in—the sanctity of human life.

On February 4, 1999 the Commendations Board awarded a Lifesaving Medal to both Sergeant Spann and Maillet for their life-saving actions in a high stress life-threatening situation. ❖



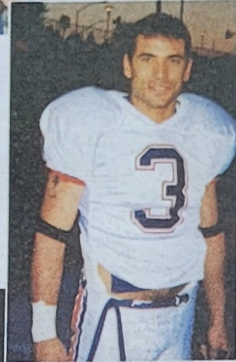
# The Centurions Play With Pride

By Lenny Muñoz



LAPD fans at half time of Centurion/Gunners game. Front row - L to R: Bobbie Parks, Emily Calvert, Sadie Muñoz, Minnie Lindsey. Back row, L to R: Richard Calvert, Lenny Muñoz.

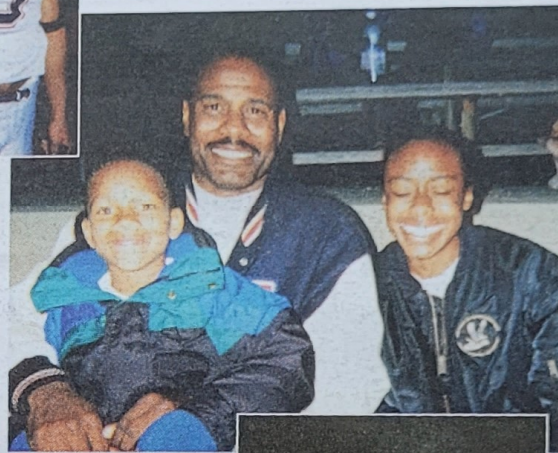
Wide Receiver Steve Roussell.



Photos by Lenny Muñoz



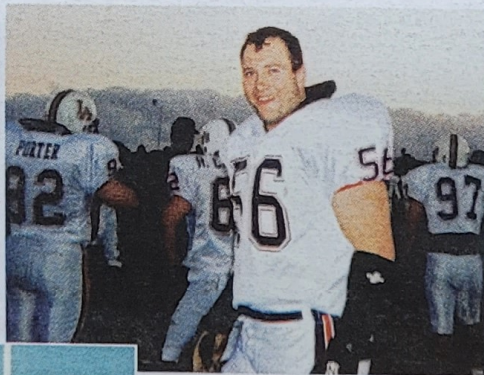
Old Centurions reminiscing at Centurion-San Diego game. L to R: Dennis Fanning, Tom Stapleton and Rick Alatorre.



An old Centurion who is always at the games cheering the team on ... Todd Rheingold and his children during South Bay game.



Defensive backs John Wilson (#21) and Donnie Payne (#26) as they leave the field after stopping the Gunners' momentum.



Offensive Lineman Ray Puettman.



Centurion Head Coach Daryl Holmes with Bobbie Parks, wife of LAPD Chief of Police, at Pasadena Memorial Stadium.



The Houston Heat (almost 90") was unable to wilt the energy and enthusiasm of the Centurion Cheerleaders.



Head Coach Holmes and Assistant Coach Memo Reyes addressing the Centurions before the San Diego game.



Defensive Lineman David Bambrick takes a well deserved breather late in the game in Houston. That's LAPD Reserve Officer Steve Getzoff in the left background.

touchdown. Two other times in the second half, the Centurions were inside the Enforcers 10-yard line but came up empty handed. Tough defense won it for the visitors from San Diego.

The LAPD - HPD game was an emotional roller coaster for all involved. League Director

Lenny Muñoz is on the Board of Directors of the Centurion Organization and accompanied the team to Houston. Prior to leaving Los Angeles, Director Muñoz contacted Emily and Richard Calvert, the mother and father of LAPD Officer Brian Brown, who was killed in the line of duty on November 29, 1998, as he and his partner tried to arrest two criminals who has just committed a homicide.

On hearing the news of the big game and the large LAPD contingent that would be in Houston, Mrs. Calvert said nothing, but nothing could keep her and Richard away. On Saturday morning, they awoke at 0-dark thirty and drove from their home in Greenville (50 miles northeast of Dallas) non-stop to the team hotel, the Marriott Greenspoint in North Houston, an approximate 450 mile trip.

After a relaxing lunch, it was off to Pasadena Memorial Stadium for the game. In a ceremony prior to kickoff, Director Muñoz escorted Mr. and Mrs. Calvert to midfield where they were introduced to the crowd, the Police Chiefs of Houston and Los Angeles and the entire Centurion team. On behalf of the League membership and the Centurion football team, Director Muñoz presented an enlarged framed photo of the January '99 Thin Blue Line front page, which featured a tribute to her son Brian Brown. After the presentation, Emily addressed the assembled Centurions and left them misty eyed as she spoke of her son and her love for all LAPD officers. She asked the officer-football players to be careful as they carried out their duties and that she would always include them in her prayers. Team Captains James Wallace, Lewis Ford and Donald Payne touched her deeply when they responded they would never forget her or Brian. And the game began.

LAPD scored first but the Gunners came back strong and soon it was 27 -9, Gunners in the third quarter, and things looked bad. I don't know what was being said as Captains Wallace, Ford and Payne paced the sidelines exhorting their teammates, but it was definitely inspirational as Quarterback Tom Martinez valiantly led the team back to threaten the Gunners, only to fall short by three points as time ran out before the Centurions could get the ball back for an attempt field goal by the consistent Todd Waymire. All of the players showed plenty of class, heart and tenacity even though their great comeback short-circuited.

The Centurions next game is May 16, 1999, against the L.A. Heat.



## DIVISIONAL REPORTER

# Southern lip

by Alley Cat  
Harbor Division

Harbor Division has come out smelling like a rose. We had our Divisional inspection, held by the brass. Comments were made that we were the best looking division they had inspected. Congratulations to all the ground troops, who took great pride in making themselves look good. We also had a divisional steak/chicken/vegetarian fry afterwards. There was plenty of food and fun had by all. Thanks to the

crew who put on the fry: Sgts. **Smalling, Harper, Mole**, and Officers **Ibarra, Ramirez**, and retired **Charlie Ornelas**. Too bad the young staff couldn't make up a plate for Capt. **Gascon**. He was busy back at the station and barely had the chance to grab a quick bite. Lt. **Don Farrell** was impressive. He made the chief wait 20 minutes for the inspection. Seems there was a mixup in the command staff protocol. Well, no one can complain. It all worked out.

There is one complaint, the old detectives got whooped by the studs of patrol in a friendly softball game during the steak fry. Unfortunately, detectives let a youngster, **Brian Mack**, play on their team. He only cost them ten runs in one inning. Thank goodness, Brian is going back to patrol after that blunder.

Time has come for one of the old guard to retire. **Louie Aguilar** has been a Jailer at Harbor Division for the last 30 years. He is calling it quits to hang paper and

paint walls. Louie has been a friend to all officers, citizens and even the bad guys. His young bride, Linda, is happy and would like to travel more. Louie, do her a favor and take her to all the extravagant places you can find. Take care and stop by and see us once in a while. His retirement party is June 18, Simon's Restaurant in Ports O'Call. To those of you who would like to attend, contact **Randy**



Juan Montes.

**Childs** or **Jerry Jelenic** at Harbor CRO, 310-548-7600. Mark the date on your calendars and wish him a fond farewell.

Our detective staff has been having a difficult time. One, D-3 **Juan Montes** doesn't know how to sit in these newfangled moving chairs without busting his backside. He almost dropped his favorite golf statue between the desk. Well, in his hurried motion he moved his chair backwards. When he sat back down, guess what was missing? You got it. His chair. His crew of young D-1s, D-2s and officers felt so sorry for him they rigged his chair to the desk. Juan is a man of age and

frequently has to be helped around the squad room and softball diamond. You can see by the picture his crew tied his chair to the desk and placed jail mattresses around for other falls.

Officer **Trujillo** has struck again in detectives. The crew was cleaning the station for the big inspection. He walked by D-2 **Steve Haberfield's** (NO NECK) desk and observed an old Hawaiian shirt sitting in Steve's out-box. Eddie, being a very sharp officer, picked up the rag and threw it into the large trash can by the detectives back door. If you know Steve, he blew a fuse. Red faced and yelling, he went on a rampage about his lost shirt. Eddie felt so bad he went out and scrounged it out of the trash can like an old rag picker. One problem, it was covered with coffee grinds, ashes and whatever else you can imagine. Steve wasn't laughing when the auto squad took a baby's t-shirt and taped it to the back of his chair for a replacement. Eddie did the right thing and had the shirt dry cleaned and returned in immaculate condition. Stumpy is happy and all has been forgiven.

Sgt.-1 **Vic Dennis** worked hard in the Captain's office (kissing up) and made Sgt.-2 on PM Watch. **D. Garcia** went from P-3 at Harbor to Sgt. at Newton. Sgt. **Moody** left S/E to come here as a Sgt.-1. D-1 **Marie Farrell** couldn't stay away from home so she transferred back to Harbor Detectives. Officer **Matt Saenz** wanted to be motor cop, left Harbor Hype Unit to try his hand at CTD. He wanted to learn a bit about traffic, so when he hits motors he can take a T/C report without embarrassing himself. We lost a bunch of rookie P-2s: **K. Reichling** to DSD **P. Stine** DSD, **J. Cossairt**, **R. Mendoza** and **R. Olmos** to Pacific. **L. Rogers** went to TBD. We only got one boot from the Academy: **A. Rainey**. I wish all of you success in your careers.



Divisional Inspection.

More Divisional Reporter on next page

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## DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Tom Wich  
Robbery Homicide Division

**FYI** RHD has a Jack-of-all-trades. **Nancy Claiborne**, Hearing Reporter for the OIS section. After working a long day at RHD, Nancy can be found brightening up someone's "event." You



Captain J. Tatreau and Richard Aldahl.

see, she has a florist shop called Nancy's Flower Garden. In business



The "Knuckle Heads" enjoying Aldahl's retirement.

for over 15 years, Nancy has provided the Christmas door De'cor for the office of the COP, several command staff officer, as well as party decorations for the NFL Raiders, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, MGM Studios, Sheraton Grande, and the annual Police Celebrity Golf Tournament. She also does decorations for parties, weddings, special events and as most of us know, police retirement parties. Nancy is very well known for her beautiful work and is always booked, so if you would like to talk to her about an upcoming event, please feel free to call her at 213-485-

6475. Oh, by the way, Nancy is also a Notary Public.

### Retirements

Add another date to your calendar. RHD is losing one more D-III this summer. Det. III **Tom Appleby** is retiring after 30 years of service. His retirement



Left to right: Retired Captain Gartland, Retiree Richard Aldahl and M.C., Retired Bob Grogan.

dinner will take place at the Academy Lounge on Thursday, July 15, 1999. The social hour will begin at 1630 hours with a "Mexican Buffet" to follow at 1830 hours. The cost will be \$25. Contact RHD at 485-2129.

### California 211 Inv. Association

Just a reminder of the upcoming annual golf tournament and BBQ to be held this month, Friday, May 14, 1999. The golf tournament will be held at the

Los Amigos Country Club in Downey. Tee off at 1000 hours. There are only 60 spots this year. The BBQ will take place at the LCPD pistol range (our original location) starting at 1530 hours. The cost for the golf tournament is \$42 and the BBQ is \$10. If you can't make the golf tournament, you are encouraged to come to the BBQ. The food and refreshments are great and there will be some fantastic door prizes this year. Contact Ray Boom Boom Hernandez or Jack Giroud at (213) 485-2511.

Until next time, BE SAFE.

## What About Wilshire?

by Jason Ficken  
Wilshire Division

### Senior Lead Who

The ideal basic car plan to bring all of our SLOs back into the field is getting close to complete. I, like all other patrol officers, am getting slammed with basic car meetings. All of the SLOs are getting slammed with resident complaints about them not being able to spend enough time on the needs in their areas. The meetings are a good start for the community to get to know the patrol officers, but this is coming at the expense of the residents. Each SLO now being assigned permanent patrol duties are overextended and unable to handle their senior lead functions properly.

This is a fact. If one sits down and appropriately attempts to calculate the haves and needs of the community versus yes sir politics, one would realize it doesn't fit. LAPD should never forget "if it doesn't fit, you must acquit." Depending on who you talk to and what you choose to believe, the decision to put the SLOs back on patrol full time is a bad idea. Taking away that intimate contact with the area residents is going to tear the community/police relations back 20 years.

### Only in Wilshire

Somehow a pigeon got into Wilshire Station and flew into the Detective office. Since calling animal regulations is a joke, Wilshire Detectives opted to call none other than the special problem unit. WIL SPU Officers **Epilido Orozco** and **Rolf Knuth** arrived on scene and assessed the hostile situation. The bright young officers formed a game plan and stormed the office. After a 20-minute chase and three failed attempts to tase the flying bandit out of the sky, Officer Orozco finally captured it in Det. III **Dave Reeser's** favorite corduroy jacket. The best part of the incident was at EOW when the sergeant was going over their daily log and discovered they recapped the capture as a felony arrest. Their good work didn't go unnoticed. When Wilshire CRASH Sgt. **Tharp** heard of the caper and how quick they were on their feet, he gave them a couple of spots in his unit. Congratulations, fellas!!

While we're talking about CRASH, kudos to **John "Get Out of My" Flowers** for finally getting a P-3 promotion in the unit. John has been in the unit since the movie "Colors" came out in the theaters. John said he enjoyed the

unit so much because of the lavish 6 x 15 foot trailer all 20 CRASH officers share. He has tried to get a 3 spot in the unit several previous times, but he couldn't for the life of him figure out what the second "A" in FASTRAC stood for in his interviews. For those of you who still don't know, it's "and."

### Police Detective II Penny Beaman

Det. **Beaman** is an 11-year veteran of the Los Angeles Police Department. Det. Beaman achieved a clearance rate of 28% and a 78% filing rate during the time she was assigned to the Robbery Unit. Due to her outstanding investigative skills, as well as her leadership skills, she was selected to supervise the Wilshire Area Registration Enforcement and Compliance Team (REACT). A few weeks later she was promoted to the rank of Det. II. The REACT Unit is responsible for the registration of all convicted sex offenders residing in the Wilshire Area, and for prosecuting those who fail to register. Her unit has registered 254 sex offenders, arrested 25 individuals for failing to register, 2 for violation of parole, 1 for crime against child, and obtained 11 arrest warrants. She is highly motivated and committed to her assignment. She has purchased a digital camera with her own money and utilizes the camera to create a database for the registrants.

### Joke of the Month

Officer pulls a man over for DUI. The officer goes through the booking process and gives the driver a RFC for DUI. Driver says "What am I supposed to do with this ticket?" Officer replies: "If you get three you can get a bike." Ha ha ha.

### Sports

Wilshire Baker to Vegas results and photos will be in next month's issue. Some photos will be destroyed to protect the guilty. Softball season has started. If you are interested in playing in the last couple of games, get ahold of SLO **Miguel Lopez** for dates and times. The 21st LAPD Memorial Relay will be on Saturday, May 8, 1999, at Dockweiler Beach. This year's race is dedicated to our fallen brother officers, **Brian Brown** (11/29/98) and **Filbert Cuesta** (8/9/98). The race in general honors all Los Angeles Police Officers killed in the line of duty.

For all you golfers, the first annual Sgt. **Andy Voge** Memorial Golf Tournament is on May 21, 1999, at 1200 hours. The location is Elkins Ranch Golf Course at 1386 Chambersburg Rd., Filmore, CA 93015, and the cost is \$75 for golf/cart/dinner. If interested or want more info, contact Det. **Ron Phillips**, WLA Dets, (310) 575-8408.

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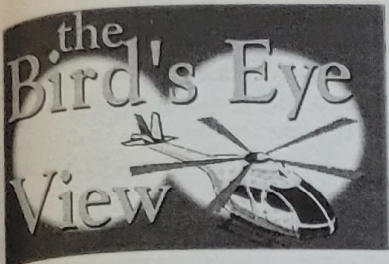
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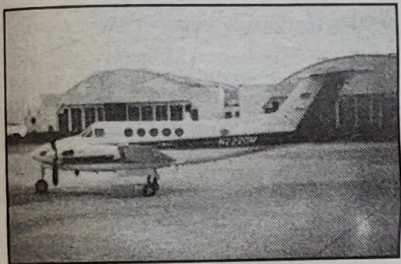




by Michelle Blackstone  
& Dan Johnson  
Air Support Division

Larry Chamberlain would not help out with this article so his name was left out. Maybe next month he will earn some credit. But then again, he probably will no, citing the excuse of just having started pilot training. Congratulations Larry and good luck! We should probably extend good luck and well wishes to poor Dan Johnson as he will be Larry's instructor.

Also, we would like to congratulate Dan Hadfield, who also began pilot training on April 12th with Dave Gomez as his instructor. We are ALL looking forward to Dan's wing day! We've got a special concoction already brewing.



Air Support Division, King Air.

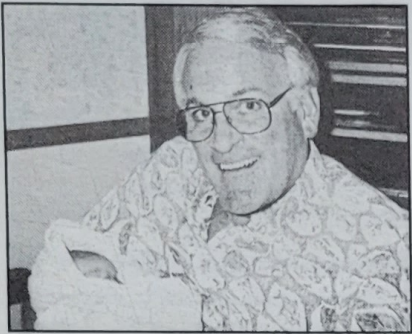
We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new sergeants, Jorge Gonzales and Michelle Veenstra, who are also in the beginning stages of pilot training. Congratulations guys, and we wish you the best of luck!

Also on the congratulations list are Mike Doherty and Jerry Camporredondo. Mike has just completed his pilot training and received his wings on April 15th. Good job, Mike. It's finally over. You can breath again! Jerry also completed training and received his Tactical Flight Officer wings on April 8th. He too can rest easy. No more check rides. Congrats, Jerry.

We would like to welcome back Officer Steve Gross who comes to us by way of Hollenbeck Division and will assist in Air Support operations, manning the tower along with the rest of our tower guys, who deserve honorable mention for taking care of the air crews, ensuring that the flight deck is always safe, maintaining constant communications with the crews, updating them with information that may prevent the crews unknowingly entering into a dangerous situation and for dealing with all of our phone calls. So, thank you to Steve Brown, Steve Gross, Paul Bernal, Roger Mossett (welcome back Roger), Ray Crawford, Bobby Orlando and, of course, Security Officers John Whitaker, Joe Russell and Charlie Chavez, who fill in for the tower operators occasionally. While we're thanking people, we'd also like to say thanks to Security Officer Bill Correa for all of his hard work doing station fund duties, to Carlos Rivas, who keeps our facility spotless (and who also scored 100% on his police oral. Good luck!), and to our admin staff, Narvia, Karen, Petrona and Viola, who keep the division running. You guys are great and we all appreciate your hard work and dedication.

On the family front, we would like to wish a warm ASD welcome to the Standage family's new arrival. Chase Robert was born on February 11, 1999. He was 5 pounds, 12 ounces, and 18-1/2 inches long. Congratulations guys (and sorry for the delay in writing this, Kevin. With you on AM Watch, no one ever sees you!).

Rumor has it that "grandpa" Steve Brown is running around bragging about his new grandson, Troy, who came into this world on March 24, 1999. Congratu-



Steve Brown's grandson, born 3/24/99 at 1327 hrs.; 8 lbs. 15 oz. Name: Troy Ian Sutherland; Parents: Brett & Piper Sutherland.

lations, Steve, and also welcome back. We're glad to see that you're feeling better! (See photo of baby Troy.)

We previously wrote about our multi-8 retirement that took place on April 30th. It was a great success. We had a great time and are expecting to do it all over again in July or August with the next group of retirees.

Speaking of retirements, we would like to extend our congratulations to Sgt. Rich Beardslee who retired on March 18, 1999 after 29 years, 5 months of service. We would like to commend Sgt. Beardslee on his dedication. Rich Beardslee and his partner, Jack Rand were involved in an O.I.S. in January, 1973, while working Wilshire Patrol. They had conducted a traffic stop for expired registration, which escalated from a verbal confrontation to a physical altercation with four suspects resulting in both Beardslee and Rand sustaining several gunshot wounds. These officers demonstrated an incredible amount of courage and a strong will to survive, and that they did! We wish you all the best, Rich. You'll be missed a bunch! Enjoy your new life, and we'll see you soon!

We would also like to recognize Air Support Divisions most senior Tactical Flight Officer, George Lafferty. George is an ASD legend. He came to the division in February, 1975, and pulled the pin on April 1, 1999 after 31 years of service. (As far as we know this was not an April Fools joke!) George was last seen skipping down the road with a fishing rod in his hand. Congratulations, George. It won't be the same around this place without you.

Our hats (or should I say helmets) are off to our new A-Star pilots. Officers Brent Jones, Bob Harkins, and Larry Capra have just completed training headed up by Don Reuser (with the assistance of Ed McKeon in the actual flight training). A-Star training consists of 3 days of ground school and 2 days of flight training. The pilots re eligible to complete A-Star training after getting 500 hours of flight time in a Jet Ranger under their belt. Good job, guys. Now we can get to the calls a little quicker!

In closing, we would like to extend a very happy Mother's Day to all of you mothers out there. Enjoy your day!

#### ASD Tip of the Month

Remember, when you're involved in a foot pursuit, set up your perimeter on all four sides, including the street that you originally started out on. Do not give that street up. It is very common for the suspects to doubleback, thinking that he might throw you off the track. If you have to, start the perimeter big, especially if there's a delay in getting your first back-up unit there. Set up the perimeter with the diagonal corners of the perimeter covered first, so that you can see down two sides and the secondary unit can see down the other two sides. We will automatically respond to any back-up situation, so it's safe to assume that we're en route. Please communicate with us and remember to switch to simplex. Be safe out there and watch your six!

## DIVISION WITH A MISSION

by Reggie Paige  
Central Division

Central Division is proud of its P-1 Janet Kim. Officer Kim earned two bronze medals at the California Fire and Police Olympics. Her category was Veteran D at the ripe old age of 34. She excelled in two categories. The first was the "Giant Slalom." This terrain was variable. It contained long distance routes and short radius turns. The second event was the "Slalom." This route was shorter in distance, had smaller radius turns and straight downhill. Congratulations, Janet.

We would like to say goodbye to Sgt. II Ron Waugh. Approximately 200 of his friends and relatives gathered at Luminarias for a fabulous feast. The masters of ceremonies, Capt. John O'Connell and Lt. Bill Ward, left no stone unturned, reminiscing about Ron's memorable career in law enforcement. Capt. Maislin displayed straight-faced humor in his description of Ron's ratings and personnel package. Det. Jay Moberly had the place in an uproar when he turned his speech into the typical "roast." Audrey Lovelace, Ed Trapp and Tom Walker are to be commended for putting together this very successful event.

Our well wishes go to Sgt. Joe Sanders who sustained a broken collarbone in a skiing mishap.

Get well soon wishes are extended to Det. Ed Maciel. Ed suffered a major heart attack several weeks ago. After undergoing a triple bypass operation, we are happy to report that Ed is feeling a little better.

Congratulations to Mike Hargreaves. He has been promoted to Sergeant and heading for Southeast Division. Southeast's gain is certainly Central's loss. Good luck, Mike. You will be missed.

## Employee of the Year Awards

Our congratulations go to the recipients of the Employee of the Year Awards. The Sergeant of the Year was Sgt. Ward Jenkins. Ward is assigned to the Central Area management team. His caseload is never ending and so is the time he always has for anyone who needs his help. Ward's knowledge, writing skills, and fabulous sense of humor help alleviate the stress in a very stressful environment.

The Support Officer Award was given to PIII John Dunne. Whenever there is a labor intensive project at Central Facilities, you can always count on John to complete the task with a smile on his face. His positive attitude and great personality make him a very popular guy around here.

The Police Officer of the Year was PIII Michael Flynn. Mike is currently assigned to Vice. Mike is a team player who works well with others. In addition to his normal duties, Mike has computerized the Vice Unit's Alcohol Beverage Control tracking system. This is typical of his wide ranging talents which he unselfishly shares with his unit.

The Detective of the Year went to Gregory Mahony. Greg is an essential member of Central Area's Operations-Support Division. He is an expert in counterfeit trademarks. He has arrested numerous offenders as well as recovering hundreds of millions of dollars in counterfeit merchandise.

The Civilian of the Year Award was presented to Senior Clerk Typist Bobbie Telles. Bobbie is assigned to the Area's Administrative Section. This is perhaps the busiest place at Central. Bobbie is invaluable to her peers and supervisors because she readily adapts to new responsibilities and displays strong initiative. She is well liked by everyone. Her skills, smiling face, and sweet personality are welcome traits in an office that is overworked and understaffed.

Volunteer of the Year was awarded to Kevin Johnson. Kevin is a vital part of the Central Area Juvenile Impact Program. He has donated over 2,000 hours to this cause. We thank you, Kevin, for caring about these kids and taking time from your life to improve theirs.

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## DIVISIONAL REPORTER

### All R-Round Town

by Cathy Hardy  
Metropolitan Division

#### Incoming

A big warm welcome to the newest member of our MOS crew, Management Assistant **John Pesusich**. I cannot pronounce that surname either, so for now we'll stick with John! Joining Adam platoon lineup are **Moises Flores** and **Juan Powers**. Newest members of Charlie platoon are **Michael Barker** and **Jose Diaz**. Congrats to new Metro personnel.

#### 36 and Counting

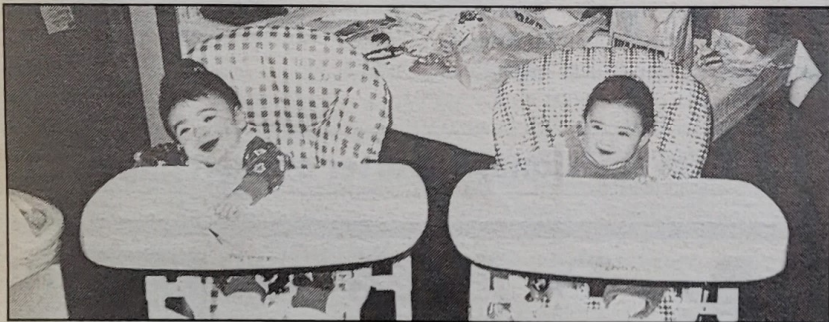
Congratulations to Day Watch AWC Senior P3+1 **Arthur Aguilar**. Art celebrated his 36th anniversary on the job April 29th. If Art desires to continue blessing us with his Nordstrom best, in November he will have an unprecedented thirty years in Metropolitan Division. Now that is a Metro Man! Felicidades, Arturo. P.W. you can sit down now...

#### Maternity Ward

Congratulations to **Duane Aikins** (B-pltn) and wife **Antonia**. Sean Michael made a grand entrance on February 19 weighing in at 8-1/2 pounds. Big brother Ryan, mom and dad are all doing well. Just in time for print... Congratulations to **Don & Maureen Schwartz**. Lauren Kate made her debut on Monday, April 5, 1999 at 0708 hours, weighing in at 6.5 pounds and 20 inches long. Big brother Matthew thinks his baby sister is the most beautiful baby ever. You can't argue with that!

#### Happy Birthday to you 2!

Happy first birthday to the **Bennyworth** twins, Robert and Riley Paige. The special little ones are celebrating their very first birthday on May 6th.



Happy 1st birthday: Bennyworth twins, Robert and Riley Paige.

#### Sorry Ladies, He's Off the Market

Congratulations to **Rob Melchior** (D-team) and his gorgeous bride, Tracy. The lovebirds celebrated nuptials at the beautiful Bellagio Hotel in Las Vegas. You two deserve the best. May this be just the beginning.

#### Wishing a Light Speed Recovery to...

A few faces are missing around these parts. Get well soon wishes going out to **Chuck Wohlfeiler**, **Orlando Nieves**, **Mike Piesik**, **Greg Gonzales**, **Bobby Gallegos** (D-team), **Randy Holcombe** and **Kenny Thatcher** (D-team). Please hurry back, guys!

#### 114 Presents... the Last Call Up

On March 24, 1999, at the nostalgic Police Academy, hundreds of family and friends gathered to honor one of the finest policemen to serve on this depart-

ment, not to mention one of the most famous faces—**Peter D. Weireter**. Peter pulled the pin last December and has since traveled around the globe filming adventure flicks in hopes of becoming even more famous. Ironically, during preparation for this event, I was asked many times why it was being held at the police academy and not a more "posh" location. Pete said it best. "This is where I started and this is where I'm going to finish!" Enough said. For those of you who were not able to attend, you missed a spectacular event. Through



R51D: Pete with his last partner, Lou Reyes.



Par Excellence: Pete and the John Hall (Pete's former training officer).

the grand vision of Mrs. Weireter, Toni, the gymnasium was transformed into a beautiful banquet room complete with a movie marquee and spotlights. The sentimental location, full of family and

friends with many a story to tell, was softened by the glow of candlelit tables and immense ficus trees adorned with mini white lights. To say the least, ambience played a part of a memorable evening where many a recruit graduation and basketball game have been taken place. **Bud Arce** and the coach, **Terry Segraves**, hosted the presentation. Chief **Parks** attended, as well as Chief **Gates**, **Cmdr. LaChasse**, **Chief Gascon**, **Cmdr. Dinse**, **Cmdr. Hagerty**, **Tom LaBonge**, **Pete Demetrio**, **the John Hall** (The host of the O.G. K9 table. You don't see that every day), and a special appearance by Pete's number one fan, "O.J." Peter, thank you for your monumental contributions to our Department, Metropolitan Division, SWAT, and for being a true hero and friend. Best wishes to you, Toni, Madison, and Morgan. Attention all Metro units, 51D is EOW.

## ACADEMY NEWS

by David Koeh  
Training Division

#### Baker to Vegas Relay

Training Division has a very strong 800 Category team and will strive to im-



Officer Mike Parlor, Lieutenant Steve Keyser, Officer Stacy Lim and Officer Brad Wise.

prove from last year's third place finish. "Captain" **Renee Montoya** has spearheaded this year's team and has equipped them with motivation and very flashy running attire. Photos and results of this event will be published in the June, 1999, *Blue Line* issue!

#### Tactics Training Unit

The Tactics Training Unit is currently located at the Davis Facility, located in Granada Hills. All of the units within Training Division provide very critical training to recruit officers; however, tactics is one of the most essential elements that all probationary police officers must strive to perfect, when they begin their patrol experience.

Sgt. **Dedmon** is the Officer-in-Charge

which allows recruits to interact with a given scenario. The recruits fire simulated CO2 cartridge Beretta 92F handguns, shotguns, and pepper spray at the screen. The computer then shows the exact number of hits and non-hits on a printout.

Another area of training that the Tactics Unit trains recruits is in the subjects of Felony High Risk Vehicle Stops and Investigative Stops. During these simulations, the officers and instructors use Simunition ammunition. Simunitions are paintball pellets that explode upon impact. The instructors and recruits wear head gear, a neck collar, vest, and sweats when they role-play these situations.

The new Situation-Simulation Village walls are composed of state-of-the-art aluminum material that allows easy cleaning of them, immediately after a simulated shoot-out with recruits.

The Tactical Training Unit is always improving in more proficient ways of handling situations. The Tactics Unit is always open in obtaining advice in handling crises from other law enforcement agencies, as well. Police and Sheriff Departments, both nationally and internationally refer to advancements developed in this unit.

#### Transfers and Promotions

Officer **Scott** (Physical Training/Self-Defense) transferred to Burglary/Auto Theft Division. Officer **Aguilar** (Physi-



Officer Mike Grasso of the Tactics Unit.

of this elite section, with Sgt. **Markel** as the assistant OIC. The team leaders are Officers **Joe Johnson**, **John McCarthy**, and **Mike Grasso**.

This unit provides approximately 96 hours of intensive training to the recruits. This training includes the usage of the Firearms Training Simulator System (FATS). This machine projects a screen,

cal Training/Self-Defense) transferred to Hollywood Division. Good luck to both of you!

Officers **Min** (CRS), **Bennett** (Devonshire), **Cabriales** (North Hollywood), **Wong** (Southeast), and **Rodriguez** (DARE) are all coming to Training Division. Welcome!

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# Riding the Rails

by Jose Ceja  
Transit Group

## Transit Group Inspection

Everyone looked great at the second annual Transit Group inspection. The command staff was very pleased at the sharp appearance of all the officers in attendance.

Officers **Rob Lait** and **Mark Gordon** left quite an impression on everyone. These two fine officers made everyone wish they too could look as good in a blue suit.

It was difficult to recognize the GHOST guys who were actually wearing Class-A uniforms and free of any facial hair (i.e., goatees, beards, mustaches, etc.).

Officer **Evan Guevarra**, a shining example of LAPD's finest, impressed everyone with his extensive collection of military ribbons, which he earned while a sergeant in the United States Marine Corps.

Capt. **Mike Hillman** and Capt. **Vance Procter** had a great time marching their officers around the

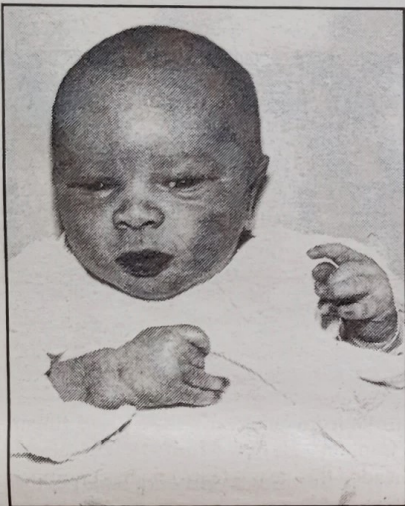
Captain, Todd Waymire put together. Good job, guys.

## Will Work for Food

The way to a cop's heart is through his stomach. The guys and gals at TRD wanted me to thank Lt. **Eric Davis** who was kind enough to buy *all* of his officers lunch at the second "Baker to Vegas fund-raising BBQ" last month. The members of the Baker to Vegas running team also wanted me to thank the lieutenant for his support. You have earned a special place in our hearts and stomachs.

## All You Need is Love

There's a little more love in the world thanks to Officer **Kevin Love** and his wife, Tina. They are the proud parents of



Kameron Tyler Love - D.O.B. 3/10/99; 7 lbs. 2 oz., 18.5 inches.

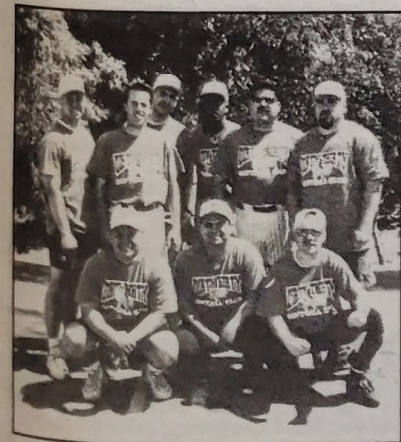


"Look at all my ribbons, aren't they neat?" Evan Guevarra (far right).

TBD parking lot. At the conclusion of the inspection, both captains and Commander **Garret Zimmon** expressed their delight at the hard work every officer put into making this a great day for Transit Group.

## Softball

Officer **Todd Waymire's** crew, The Dirty Thirty, is off to a great start. As of April 5, the big-30 is undefeated. The one-game winning streak was the result of Officer **George Bowens'** masterful pitching. Shoot-



Capt. Waymire (top row, far right) and the undefeated "Dirty Thirty."

ing Newton could not hit George's sky high looping pitches. The final score was Transit 5, Newton 3.

It looks like this year Transit Group is going all the way, thanks to the well-oiled softball machine, Team

a handsome baby boy, Kameron Tyler. Kameron was born on March 10, 1999, weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces, and was 18-1/2 inches long. Tina is overjoyed at the new arrival and Kevin says, "It's not easy having a newborn when you need a walker to get around the house, but I love my son. He's good looking, he's bright, and he reminds me of myself at four weeks." Congratulations, Kevin and Tina!

## That's My Girl!

Officer **Joe Hopkins** couldn't get his name in the *Thin Blue Line* for a whole year, and now he can't keep it out. This month Joe and Yevell Hopkins received a little bundle of joy. Jardawn Hopkins was born on March 31, 1999, weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces, and was 19 inches long. Little Jardawn is beautiful beyond belief and because of this Joe asked me to warn Kameron Love to stay away from his daughter. Congratulations, Joe and Yevell.

In a Hopkins-related story, last month a bad source who works at TRD, plays football for the Centurions, and carries a snakeskin swivel holster gave me some bad information. Apparently, the K-9 neutralizer wasn't our beloved Joe Hopkins. The actual shooter was Officer **Dunigan** of Southeast Division. As it turns out, Joe was nothing more than a giant doggie treat that was used to bait the vicious dog away from bystanders. My apologies to Joe and Officer Dunigan. I promise, in the future, I will be more cautious about the rumors I spread.

# The World Class Police Department LAPD RECRUITMENT RHETORIC

by Douglas P. Larkin  
Employment Opportunity  
and Development Division

What an interesting year our recruitment section is having . . .

It seems that our turnover rate has surpassed that of the 39 cent cheeseburger at the Golden Arches on Sundays. Five supervisors and many new IIs and IIIs later, it seems now that we have settled down with Sgt. **Bill Frio**, SMA1 **Claudia Dunn**, and with the addition of four new IIs we'll finally have enough people to capsize our boss man's new yacht.

**Katherine Bermudez**, our local Senior Clerk Typist, is doing well contemplating wearing the blue uniform or not. With all the fine support she receives from us, she'll have no problem deciding. Drop down and give us at least ten good ones, RECRUIT!!

## Important Business

We have but a simple message for all current and retired LAPD officers. If you have a potential LAPD candidate in mind to go through our seven-step hiring process, please give that person our number at (213) 485-4052. Since the recruitment policies change rapidly

down in our Personnel Building's basement, it's usually best to allow us the opportunity to relay up-to-date information to the new candidates. We would love to help them succeed throughout the process. Note: the general recruitment number has changed to (213) 847-LAPD.

## Farewell

Congratulations and good luck to **Marcell Morris** (31128)! She has moved up the food chain and promoted to PIH Det. Trainee at Van Nuys Division. May you set your table straight every day . . .

## Welcome

Come on down Officers **Philip Stine** (31024) from Harbor, **Rosa Torres** (31867) from Newton, **Denise Ward** (31199) from Pacific, and **Diane Alonzo** (31031) from Rampart. Pack your bags and get ready to recruit . . . and give us ten good ones.

## Thank You

Officer **Joel Espinoza** of Rampart Division, has been crucial to our unit for wearing the proper attire and also for our logo (see above). Good job and thanks for coming to work today, Espy.

*(Editor's note: Doug Larkin is a first time contributor to the TBL's Divisional Reporter feature. Personnel assigned to Employee Opportunity and Development Division (E.O.D.D.) should channel information through him. Space constraints allow only one reporter per division, regardless of number of sections or platoons.)*

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## DIVISIONAL REPORTER

### Out of the Great



by Jeff Siggers  
Southwest Area

#### It's Never Routine

Sometimes we wonder, "Why can't we do things like all the other Areas in LAPD?" But then it wouldn't be the Great Southwest, would it? The other day, Officers **Adam Milecki** and **Michael Albert** were patrolling in the 5200 block of Longwood Avenue, suppressing a narcotics problem in the area. They saw a man driving a Sentra quickly pull to the curb, get out (leaving the door open) and begin to nervously go through things in the trunk like it was just another fine day in the neighborhood. Milecki and Albert decided to run the plate and, sure enough, it was a hot roller.

The officers were immediately out of their car and began to order the suspect into the felony prone but, sure enough, he took off running and the chase was on. Milecki took off after him and Albert returned to the car to follow. The suspect disappeared around a corner and when Milecki got there, there was no sign of the car anywhere. The only thing moving was a tractor-trailer with an or-

ange cab. Adam asked a citizen if he saw the suspect, and he responded yes and pointed to the truck. There was his suspect, hitching a ride on the truck, having wedged himself up into the hitch area of the tractor. The driver was totally unaware of the drama unfolding right behind him as he picked up speed.

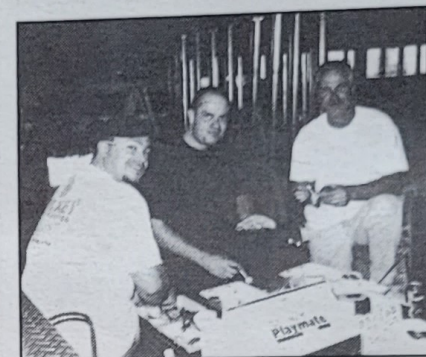
At first, Milecki tried to run alongside, but that was impossible, and for a moment was sure the suspect thought he had bested the LAPD. But then, Albert came alongside with the car and Milecki jumped in. Although we weren't there, we're sure he said, "Follow that truck!" For an instant it flashed in the officers' minds that if the driver didn't stop for them they might have to go into pursuit. But how would they explain THIS ONE to the RTO? Fortunately for them, the driver stopped within a few blocks, but then the suspect jumped down and ran again, this time into a large warehouse. The officers had the location buttoned up in seconds with responding units, and then waited for the dog unit to arrive.

K-9 Officer **Goosby** and **Thunder** answered the call. The place was huge, and it took a long time to search the whole place. Up on the third floor, Thunder seemed to alert on something, but they still couldn't find the suspect. Finally, Milecki and Albert decided to climb into the dark attic. This prompted our suspect to move from his hiding place. As he made the proverbial "one false step," his foot came crashing through the ceiling. The officers were on him like, well, you know, and the caper was over in a flash.

As if this felon hadn't created enough commotion, confusion and deception for one day, as the officers led him out of the warehouse, an employee stated, "Hey! That's my jacket!" The suspect had taken it from the locker room area on the main floor. It was returned to its owner and the carnapper finally went to jail. As we have said, it's never routine...

#### Storage Situation Solved

Like all stations in the Department, Southwest didn't have enough places to put things. Junk was piled up everywhere even though the station was remodeled just four years ago. But rather than accepting this as a normal fact of life, we decided to do something about it. It began as the brainchild of Sgt. **Jeff Siggers** who used to work at that Mecca of police science known affection-



Derrick Gomez, Shad Stilkey and Brad Stilkey hard at... uh... work on the storeroom project.

ately as Fort Davis. Why not build storage areas in the parking structure like the ones at Central and CTD? As it turned out, one of our probationers, **Shad Stilkey**, was rumored to know something about construction. He was asked about the project and he responded that the person we really should talk to was his dad, Brad Stilkey, who was a General Contractor specializing in remodel-

ing. Shad talked to his father and Brad was more than happy to help. The Senior Stilkey told us that if we would buy the materials he would supply the labor. So, after securing the financing from the Southwest Area Boosters, we bought our materials and began construction. Over a four-day period, Brad Stilkey, Shad Stilkey, Brad's brother-in-law, Derrick Gomez, and Jeff Siggers worked on completing three storerooms in the Southwest parking structure. One became the headquarters of the hard-charging Southwest Bike Detail, one is used for all tactical and training equipment, and the last is for general storage. As you can imagine, this has greatly relieved the crush of equipment and boxes piled up all over the station and has allowed a new, higher level of logistical organization at this Area than we have had in years. Muchos Kudos to Brad, Shad, Derrick, and Jeff for their efforts to make the Great Southwest even greater. We would also like to thank the Southwest Area Boosters for having the foresight, and the cash, to make this project possible.

#### New Arrivals

We would like to congratulate Officer **Mauricio Bautista** and his wife, Claudia, on the birth of their new daughter, Brittany Alexandria, who was born on February 16th at 2128 hours. (Claudia, that's 9:28 at night. But then you were there, weren't you?) As the birth announcement flyer said, "Baby, mother, and father are doing..." Also, Officer **Anthony Cato**'s wife, Karen, had a baby boy named Brandon Anthony. This blessed event took place on February 7th at 0417 hours. (Karen, did you have to stay up all night with this?) Brandon and all the Catos are doing fine as well. Both of these officers work Southwest CRASH. There must be something contagious in their office. Congratulations to all, and great job, ladies!



by Gail Ryan  
Newton Division

In December, 1998, Newton Area experienced several robberies of recycling centers where the "crooks" used a semi-automatic pistol. And, their getaway vehicle was a chrome dirt-type bike. After pretending to be customers, they would produce a weapon and rob the location. This crime spree continued into January, with several of the crime reports describing one of the suspects as having an "acne complexion." Newton detectives and patrol officers formed a task force to combat the problem. And, on January 28th, their plan proved successful when at 0900 hours officers observed a man riding a chrome dirt-type bike by a recycling center on Avalon. The suspect matched the description the officers had, and he was taken into custody. His partner in crime was apprehended a short time later, and their little crime spree came to a halt when detectives filed ten counts of robbery, one stolen vehicle, and one rape charge filed against them.

Newton's PSR **C. Gaston** received a 911 emergency call regarding a "murder suspect there now" on February 23rd. After investing a few extra moments on the call, Gaston found the person calling was credible. She initiated a "Code Three" call to the location. And, due to their quick response, Newton Officers **G. Womble** and **J. McInnes** were able to take one suspect into custody as he was attempting to drive away. Additional investigation led to a second murder suspect. He gave up after SWAT was called.

Both suspects were involved in a homicide in Newton Division in January.

Talk about your dumb criminals. On February 23rd, Officers **E. Kanemitsu** and **R. Flores** responded to a "459 Suspect Just Left" radio call at Fred's Burgers, located at 6225 S. Broadway. The officers observed a suspect in the immediate vicinity, pushing a shopping cart. They stopped to investigate and noticed that the suspect was covered in grease and that a cash drawer was inside the cart. He also had currency in his hand, as well as protruding from the bottom of his pants leg. He didn't know what the offi-



Newton Officers Memo Reyes and Reggie Gay trying to stay warm at L.A. Centurion Game.

cers were "talking about," though he was eating a cold hamburger at the time. But through good investigative skills, they discovered the suspect had climbed to the roof of Fred's Burgers, removed a vent cover, tied a rope around it and dropped the rope through the vent (which was greasy). He then lowered himself into the location, ransacked the premises and removed a cash drawer. The suspect was arrested for burglary, but his troubles were further compounded by the painful injuries he had sustained during the commission of his crime that required stitches to a very sensitive part of his body.

And, another enterprising "dumb" thief broke into a vehicle in broad daylight at 27th and Grand. His crime spree netted him a big cargo. He made off with

two extra large cheese pizzas for all of his efforts.

During February, Newton vice officers received a complaint of two prostitutes working in the area of 35th Street and Avalon out of their own vehicle. Newton vice officers immediately launched an investigation. Within only a few hours after receiving the complaint, the officers arrested both prostitutes and ended their illegal business endeavor. The prostitutes told officers they had just started to work in Newton Division and had hoped to operate undetected for at least a little while. The word is out—move out.

And in another vice caper, Officers **Moreno** and **Mota** were conducting a 3.18 check (vice complaint) at So Park regarding lewd conduct in the women's restroom. The officers observed two men and a woman enter the restroom. The officers, believing a crime was about to be committed, followed. The officers arrested the two men for narcotics violations. It turned out both suspects were hard core criminals on parole with a propensity towards the commission of violent crimes, narcotics and burglary. Hopefully their arrest will lower Newton's crime stats.

And on February 18th, Newton vice officers, along with members of the Recording Industry Association of America, served a search warrant at Tinto's Music Shop, located at 231 W. Adams

Bldv. The location was suspected of selling counterfeit compact discs and cassettes. More than 2,000 counterfeit products were confiscated along with duplicating equipment. Two "Getto Boyz" gang members were arrested for the felony crime. Both suspects were known for their prior narcotics trafficking, and one of them had a prior conviction for murder while the other was out on bail for GTA. Talk about your enterprising young men.

#### From Out of the Past

##### A Musical History Tour of Newton Division

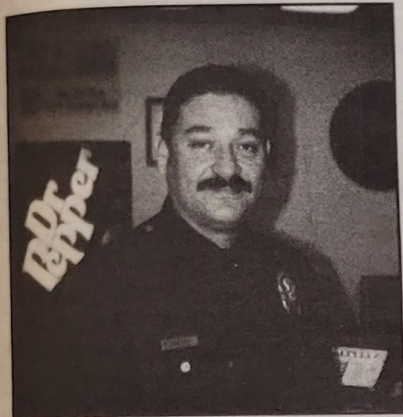
Today Newton Division might be a depressed area where gangs roam, but in its heyday it was home to the "Jazz Joints" on Central Avenue and other notable musical interest. During the 1920s, the Florence Mills Theater at Jefferson and Central held live stage performances. During World War II, everyone who was anyone visited the "Jazz Joints" and the Dunbar Hotel at 4225 S. Central Ave. The Club Alabam, which adjoined the Dunbar played host to the likes of Louis Armstrong, Cab Calloway, Billie Holiday and T-Bone Walker just to name a few. Dolphin's of Hollywood's former location was 1065 E. Vernon. In 1953, deejay Dick "Huggy Boy" Hugg broadcasted a live R&B radio show from the 24-hour record store. During the broadcasting, the location drew large crowds requiring extra police patrol. The Five-Four Ballroom at 54th and Broadway was an R&B location from the late '40s until the mid '70s that rivaled The Dunbar Hotel in notable performers. The ballroom tried to make a comeback in the 1990s but its glory days were gone. If one drives slowly past the location, you can still see the five-four lettering on the walls under the graffiti. Solomon Burke's Church at 46th and Compton was well known in the secular world for its raucous services and the popularization of "Down in the Valley," in 1987 and 1988. And, believe it or not, Jefferson High was home to Richard Berry, the writer of "Louie Louie" (a very popular song in the '60s for you youngsters.)



# West LA Journal

by Mary Dacey  
West Los Angeles Division

A "day" in the life of Officer **Dave Orozco**. It was Saturday, March 26th, at approximately 2000 hours. His food had just arrived from Chung King when a man ran into the station and said,



Officer Dave Orozco, Hero, WLA.

"There's a fire across the street!" Officer Orozco grabbed his flashlight and a radio and "took off running." When he arrived he said he kicked in the bottom of the door and attempted to unlock the dead-bolt which was locked from the inside. He was unable to unlock the door so he kept on kicking until the door finally gave way. Officer Orozco said, "The smoke took me down. It was almost solid smoke." He crawled on the floor and felt his way through the apartment, working his way from room to room. He finally felt a foot where he found a man lying unconscious on the couch. He gave him mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and was able to drag the man outside to safety and clear his airway. The man then started breathing on his own. Orozco was sick from smoke inhalation, was shaking from all the adrenaline, and was treated at a local hospital where his blood was checked for carbon monoxide gas. His throat had started to close up from all the smoke. He said he "was just thinking about the guy inside. All I could see was smoke and a glowing light from the kitchen." What he had done didn't hit him until he got outside and started coughing. "I couldn't sleep at all last night. I was all pumped up," said Orozco. Understandably! The officer and the victim were both treated and released. We believe that Officer Dave Orozco has earned the Medal of Valor.

Reserve Officer and K-9 trainer **Harriet Moffat** has worked with both West L.A. and Metro for the past 22 years. She is now 90 years old and still going strong. Back in November, 1979, the first K-9 dog was named "Blue" and the LAPD wasn't sure how they would be able to get

the \$5,000 for each additional dog. Harriet said, "You get the dogs and I'll get the money." And she did! She is currently K-9 mom to 17 dogs!

No, you're not imagining things. It really IS a Christmas tree inside the West L.A. lobby, complete with Watch Commander Sgt. **Angela Chu** and AWC Buffy, the wonder dog! (Note: Buffy's choice for the photo was the bandanna, rather than the feather boa.)

By the way, how are your Y2K preparations coming along?

I hope West L.A. did well in the Baker to Vegas run. At the time this article was submitted, the race hadn't even begun and final preparations were still being made.

Congratulations to Lt. **Nancy Lauer** on her recent promotion to Lt. 2. I hope she misses us. West L.A. would also like



Watch Commander Sgt. Chu and AWC Buffy!

to welcome and congratulate Lt. **Dawson**. We hope he enjoys his time with us. We would also like to welcome P3s **Lockett** and **Latham**, and P2s **Dillard**, **Lowry**, **Saidenberg**, **Gutierrez**, and **Mah**. Good luck to **January**, a new rookie from the academy. Civilian **Koomer** will also be joining the WLA gang. We also wish a fond farewell to Sgt. **Dempsey**, and to P2 **Phan** who is off

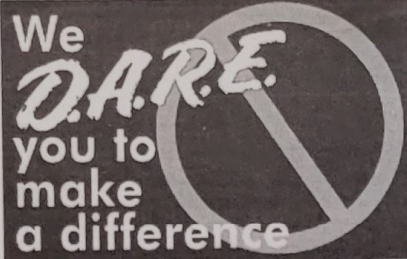


photo by Dennis P. Zine

WLA Division personnel join Sgt. Andy Vogt's family during dedication of coffee room in honor of Sgt. Vogt who passed away.

to Devonshire. **Quirk** and **Szymkowiak** will be street fighters in Rampart Division, while **Lopez** will be heading to the Valley. Hey, **Mojarro**, you're a P3 now. Way to go!

And that's the way it was for the May, 1999 edition of *The Thin Blue Line*.

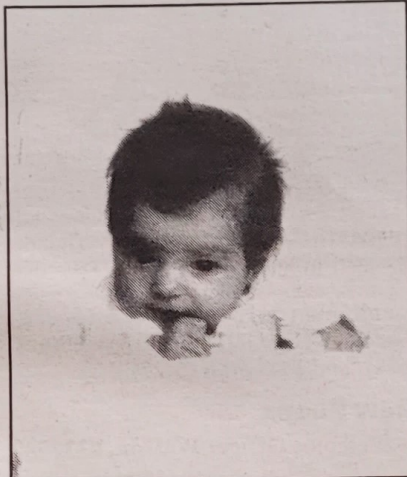


by Caesar Gonzalez  
DARE Division

## DARE News

DARE has been blessed with some recent births. Congratulations goes out to **Mary Alexander**, who gave birth to a beautiful baby girl—**Britney Ledna Linquist**. Little Britney was born on March 29 at 5:01 p.m. and weighed in at 5 pounds, 12 ounces.

Not to be outdone, **Maria Singh** also gave birth to a beautiful baby girl, **Brittany Marie Singh** (see picture).



Brittany Marie Singh, 5 weeks.

Continuing DARE's athlete tradition, Officers **Mark Horton** and **Alicia Hajewski** ran and completed the Los Angeles Marathon. Yes, they ran the whole 26.2 miles!

Other DARE athletes, **Yvette Bass** and **Rosemary Gomez** competed in the Rosarito Bike Race.

## Welcome

Joining DARE Division this month are Sgt. **Wright** from Newton Division, Officers **Hawkins** and **Madero** from TBD and **Penunur** from WVAL. Welcome to DARE balloons and classroom management.

## Farewell

This month's goodbye goes to Officer **Bill Rogers** who will be moving on to ECCC&D, Sgt. **Lew**, who will now be a Det. 1 at FCD, and Officer **Mercedo**, who will be transferred to JUV Division. Good luck to all of you and thank you for all your hard work and dedication.

## Next Month

As I write this article, I am heading up to Sacramento for the California DARE Officer's Conference (CDOA). Next month I will highlight the CDOA and Baker to Vegas run.

## DARE Opportunities

If you are interested in an exciting assignment, contact DARE Division at (213) 485-4856. We have openings for officers who have a minimum of two years Patrol and excellent communication skills.

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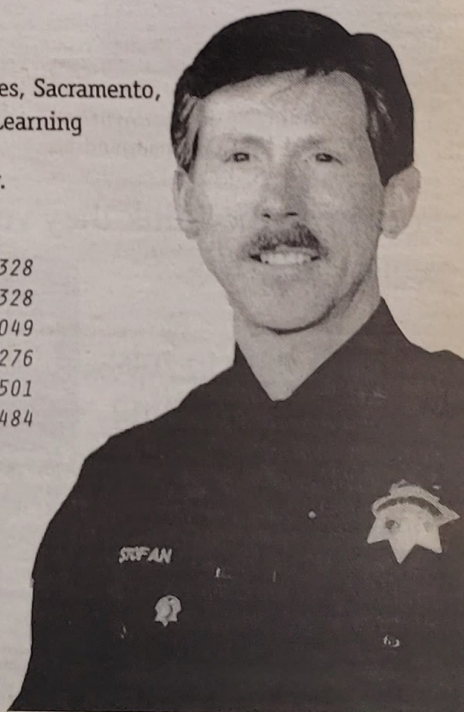
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## DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by D. A. McCallum  
Valley Traffic Division

### Sergeant Major B.C.M.C.

Congratulations to Sgt. **George Caulford**, #16778, of VTD for his retirement from the United States Marine Corps after 30 years of service with his final day on March 31, 1999. Sgt. Caulford began his military career on December 19, 1966 at which time he completed four years of service prior to joining the Los Angeles Police Department in 1971. Sgt. Caulford served in Danang Vietnam in 1969 as an aircrew machine gunner on a "Huey" gunship flying combat missions against Vietcong and the North Vietnamese army.

In 1973, Sgt. Caulford joined the Marine Corps Reserves completing tours at El Toro, Camp Pendleton and Miramar. In 1990, he was promoted to "Sergeant Major" and completed tours in the infantry and air-wing. He was selected as the first reserve Sergeant Major to serve in the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force. This assignment required him to complete worldwide deployments in real world situations.

Sergeant Major Caulford's last assignment was the "Marine Air Group (Mag-46)." His position at M.C.A.S. Miramar San Diego consisted of squadrons of FA-18 fighters, AH-1W Super Cobras, CH 46 Sea Knights and CH 53(E) Super Stallions.



Valley Traffic Division officers and Councilman Wach's office recognize community supporters Lillian Salin and Rickey Gelb for their support of divisional programs.

### On the Slopes

Congratulations to Lyn Thornton (wife of B.C.M.C. **Jim Thornton**) for obtaining her Level One Certificate in the Professional Ski Instructors of America. You go girl!!!

### Birthdays for the Month of May

Happy birthday to the following VTD personnel: **Talkington** (5/5), **Dillard** (5/7), **Skinner** (5/17), **Age** (5/13), **Schiltz** (5/20), **Knox** (5/25), **Covarrubias** (5/5), **Vasquez** (5/10), **Macivor** (5/17), **Talavera** (5/7), **Fri-**



Photo by Dennis P. Zine  
Retired VTD CI Officer Ed Pedneau now resides in South Dakota and enjoys lots of corn.

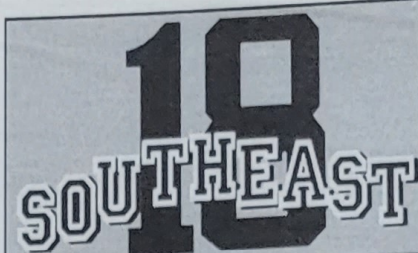
**esenbahn** (5/15), **Madera** (5/12), **Lorey** (5/10), **Ortiz** (5/20), **Arellanes** (5/8), and **Freeman** (5/27).

### New Peeps

Welcome Officer **Watson**, #33294, to VTD from Northeast Division. You're just gonna love it here... (oh, ya hey).

### VTD Picnic

Okay, this is last call... last call for alc... uh, I mean this is the last reminder for the VTD picnic, everyone. It's on June 26th at the Ranch

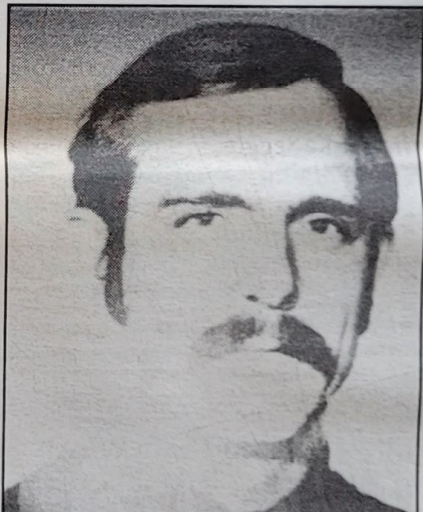


by Al La Brada  
Southeast Division

### Wishes and Remembrance!

I would like to extend a special Mother's Day wish to all the Southeast Area mothers. Since I am sure we have many, we will not list you all. Remember, Sunday, May 8th is your day so make those requests (days off) and gift requests also.

May 31st is fast approaching and it will be Memorial Day weekend. We usually associate Memorial Day with a chance to get out of town and leave the hectic life on the beat behind. However, as most military veterans and any Department employee can relate, we see it as a day to remember those who have given the ultimate sacrifice. Little do many of us realize how many veteran heroes we have amongst our Department. Not only from Vietnam, Panama, Grenada and the Gulf but also from the mean streets of L.A. In our recent times we have seen many hang flags of other nations and protest the right to do so, forgetting how many have sacrificed their lives to provide them that freedom. What we need to remember is those that gave the ultimate sacrifice. Southeast has not been spared from losing one of its own. On August 2, 1979, while responding to a back-up request, P.O. **Jim Choquette** became involved in



Southeast officer killed in the line of duty - Officer Jim Choquette, August 2, 1979.

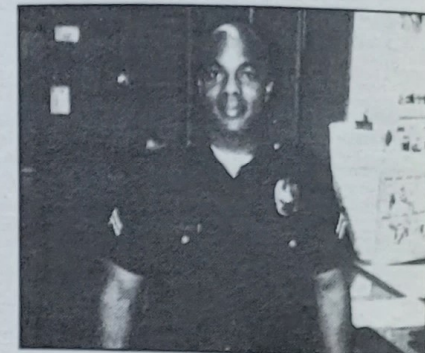
a traffic collision that resulted in a tragic end to his life. Let's remember Jim and all the other Department and National heroes on this Memorial Day.

### Southeast Capers

Speaking of heroes, on March 24, 1999, Officers **Hudson** and **Andrade** were working Southeast Patrol Unit 18A35. They received a radio call of ADW suspects. Officers **Milazzo** and **Wainwright** assigned unit 18FB36 backed on the call. When they arrived at the location, a citizen flagged the officers down and directed them to a silver vehicle leaving the area. The officers initiated a following and tactically deployed on the suspect's vehicle. Three individuals were detained without incident. Officers then interviewed the Spanish speaking victim who advised them that those three individuals had just robbed him of several hundred dollars. Officers searched the vehicle and recovered the \$1,060 taken in the robbery. The victim was transported and positively identified the three suspects as the ones who robbed him. Case closed? You would think so. Officers thoroughly interviewed the suspects and received information that the victim was involved in a possible coyote smuggling ring. The officers responded to the victim's residence secured the out-

side and made the notifications. The victim was ultimately convinced that the wise thing to do would be to consent to a search of the residence. Officers made entry and discovered 14 illegal aliens being held. The officers, now involved in a cluster, obtained the assistance from RHD and the INS. This investigation resulted in the arrest of (3) for kidnapping, (3) for robbery and the deportation of 12 illegal aliens. My only question is who recaps the felony arrests. Good job!

On February 13, 1999, Officers **Dan-skin** and **Conteras** observed a Buick Regal commit a traffic violation at 107th Street and Avalon Blvd. Officers con-



Southeast PM Watch Kit Room OIC, PO-III Perry.

ducted a warrant check of the vehicle which revealed it to be a Southeast taken W/O/O/C. The officers initiated a following at which time the not so smart car thief made an abrupt stop. The officers activated lights and siren only to see the vehicle accelerate out of the area. A short vehicle pursuit ensued which resulted in a collision by the not so well trained thief. The runner then took the officers on a short foot pursuit which I am glad to announce he obviously lost. Not unusual for Southeast but definitely worthy of recognition.

I would like to congratulate Officer **Richard Romney** on the recent birth of his daughter, **Jacqueline Marie Romney**.

### Southeast Movement

I would like to bid a farewell to then Detective now Sergeant **A. Kirby** (Wilshire), Sergeant **Steve Moody** (Harbor), Sergeant **Suh** (Newton), Det-2 **V. Del-**



Southeast PM Watch desk officers PO-II Robb, PO-II Lopez and PO-II Vizcarra.

**gado** (FCD), Det.-1 **A. Carlisle** (DSD), P.O.-III **C. Yamamoto** (Pacific), P.O.-III **L. Heitzman** (SB-Homicide), P.O.-III **M. Raichel** (SB-Homicide), P.O.-III **S. Wong** (Training), P.O.-II **R. Michaelson** (BSSS), P.O.-II **S. Flores** (NHWD), P.O.-II **M. Delariva** (Pacific), P.O.-II **D. Sancho** (VNY), P.O.-II **K. Hurley** (Wilshire), and MA2 **B. Clark** (77th).

Congratulations to the new incoming Sgt. **M. Hargraves** (Central), Det.-II **J. Bazan** (BAD), Det.-II **M. Tinker** (VNY), Det.-I **B. Shin** (ND), P.O.-III **B. Shipstad** (SE), P.O.-III **B. Adams** (CB), P.O.-III **S. Reyes** (HWD), P.O.-III **R. Suviate** (HWD), P.O.-III **D. Wells** (SW), P.O.-II **M. Aguilar** (NHWD), and P.O.-II **P. Ponich** (TBD).

Congratulations to P.O. III **T. Grimes** on his recent promotion.

When this May issue hits the press, Baker to Vegas 1999 will have come and gone. Southeast team captain, Sgt. **Marty Weston** has promised outstanding results. I will provide some of the highlights, photos and finishes in the next issue.

Til the next one, happy Mother's Day, Memorial Day, and hunting. Be SAFE!

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# HOLLYWOOD HAPPENINGS

by Floyd Toledo  
Hollywood Division

## Only in Hollywood

Would you find actors that play detectives on TV getting their stars on the Hollywood Walk of Fame and asking around to meet some real detectives? So it was only right recently that Dets. **Vicki Bynum** and **Daniel Jaramillo** would take time out of



D-1 Daniel Jaramillo, P-3 Sachiko Devito, Dennis Franz (actor), and D-1 Vicki Bynum.

their business day to give actor **Dennis Franz** (NYPD Blues) some insight about how "real detectives" fight crime. Escorted through our station by P-3 **Sachiko Devito**, Mr. Franz appeared visibly impressed to spend time among L.A.'s finest detectives. Mr. Franz, according to Public Affair's **PSR Dawn Danko**, was named as chairperson for this year's celebrity gold tournament scheduled for May 15th. (Photo enclosed.)

## Ins-Outs-N-Ups

First and foremost are the Inees to our division. During transfer #3 we were blessed by the arrival of Dets. **M. Kislig** (NHWD) and **K. Brown** (SB-HOM) and **G. Kukaua** (S/W). Isn't it nice to finally make it to "the show?"

Also cranking in were Sgts. **B. Yearwood** (PAC) and **H. Fanfassian** (VNY). Promoting and dropping in were P-3s **R. Obonb** (DARE), **J. Valdez** (NEWT), and **F. Gonzalez** (TBD). Backed up by P-2s **L. Valenzuela** (77th), and **J. Nutall** (FTHL). From the Academy rushed in P-1s **M. Campos**, **R. Mecano**, and **J. Paris**. Congratulations to **Dean Anderson** for accepting the Sgt. 2 spot here.

Now for the escapees. Promoting and going to S/E is Sgt. **S. Showler**. Promoting and shooting off is Det. 2 **D. Gizzi** to DSD. Gone is Det. **D. Jaramillo** to HOBK. Also running off were P-3s **V. Loo** (Metro), **J. McDonnell** (Metro), and **B. Jones**

(NEWT). Followed by P-2s **F. Alfaro** and **R. Flores** to NHWD.

## Sports

**Running.** On March 14th, the L.A. Marathon included the following Hollywood Division athletes. Running: P-2 **Dennis McNeal** (3 hrs, 43 min), P-2 **Tracy Fields** (4 hrs, 11 min, 37 sec). Biking: D-1 **Tyler Izen**, P-3 **Frank Marmolejo**, P-3 **Michael Rose**, P-3 **Edward Sakowski**, P-2 **Vincent Pileggi**. Walker: MA 2 **Sharyn Gunter** (8 hrs, 30 min).

**Softball.** On March 17th, an intra-departmental softball tournament was held at Hjelte Park. Our Hollywood Team made it to the "final 4" because of its strong defense and determination. Out of the 12 teams participating, only West Valley's team challenged our team. Talking about

awarded a bronze medal in the grand slalom event.

Then at the California Fire and Police Olympics in Mammoth, our team heated up the ice. New team member, **Bryan Fox**, finished fourth every day the three different races and a border-cross. Also first-time skier, **Brian Owen**, took the gold in the super G event.

Sgt. McDonald captured the silver medal in the super G event and Officer Braun won another five medals to add to his growing legend. So let's put our snow mittens together and give all these super athletes a real Hollywood hand.

## Detective Honored

The Hollywood Detectives take great pleasure in announcing that Det. II **Ellen Camarillo** has been selected as Hollywood Operations Support Division Employee of the First Quarter 1999.

Det. Camarillo is an 18-year veteran of the Los Angeles Police Department. She is currently assigned to the child abuse section of the major assault crimes unit. She is the senior detective and supervisor of the section. Undaunted by the current caseload and the backed-up cases, she systematically investigated these cases. Camarillo quickly got the cases current by displaying her determined dedication to her job and the people affected by her investigations. Camarillo's expertise and easygoing manner made an outstanding combination of her teaching and training skills. Camarillo is a consummate professional and has a gift for success. Known as an outstanding investigator by her peers, her follow-ups are concise, well thought out, and well written. Presentations to the district and city attorneys are approved without contention, as all the requisite information is always present. Her investigations have led to the conviction of dangerous pedophiles in the Hollywood community.

camarillo was called upon to assist in formulating the "child safety reader." The reader is designed for children of elementary school age to promptly disclose if they are being



abused, either sexually or physically. All elementary schools in Hollywood are scheduled to receive these readers. Because of the training given to the school personnel, the Hollywood community will be well prepared to stem the tide of child abuse.

Det. Camarillo is to be congratulated for her relentless efforts in the quest to make Hollywood safer for all children and allow them to fulfill their goals without the fear of abuse. Camarillo is a true champion of children's welfare and rights. Her efforts have made a dramatic impact in Hollywood. Therefore, we are honored to have selected Det. Camarillo as the Detective of the First Quarter 1999.

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## Because Your Life May Depend On It ...

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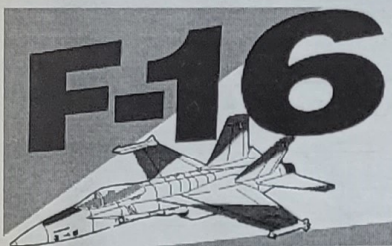
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## DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Julian Almaraz  
Foothill Division

### Foothill Patrol

I like to talk about teamwork and training day. Day in day out, we talk about tactics and to talk to your partner about what to do on different events. Two officers, Officer **David Cole**, #32530, and Officer **David Mejia**, #32682, were working 16A25 in the area of Paxton St. and Arleta Ave. responding to citizens complaints of traffic violations in the area for speeding and failure to stop at the posted stop sign. At this point both officers observed a male suspect driving a 1998 Toyota Pathfinder, who failed to stop for the stop sign. They attempted to stop the vehicle, but the driver refused to stop. The officers were in a short vehicle pursuit for two city blocks. The suspect then jumped out of the vehicle and ran into the residential area. Both officers set up a perimeter and with the help of responding officers were able to capture the suspect within 30 minutes. Talking to the officers after the event, they expressed the importance of communication to every partner you work with. Good job.

We have two officers into the division: **Paul Harper**, #30320, and **Mark Wilbur**, #30646, who came from Rampart Division. Both officers came into the division and started to work with all the officers and obtaining information from area detectives. You give these officers any type of clues, they would go out and find any possible suspect. In their first D/P, they made 20 arrests between them, some paroles and wanted suspects. Pretty good for not knowing the division.

### Foothill Detectives

Det. II **Diane Webb**, #24834, is the OIC of OVB REACT unit. This unit is made up of four officers (**Cobos**, **Weiler**, **Tavares** and **Arce**). These officers monitor, and search out sex offenders and predators that live in the valley areas. If these offenders fail to register, this unit

searches and apprehends them. This unit also works with other local law enforcement entities to track these offenders. In doing so, they protect our communities and all our families.

Our Robbery personnel are outstanding detectives who are led by Det. III **Rudy Quintanilla**, #16625. The Detectives working this unit are DII **Bill Caughey**, #17500, DII **Lawrence Queen**, #16372, and DI **John Hernandez**, #26307. This unit has cleared the majority of the robberies in the area. The unit has a great working relationship with patrol officers. They are given leads to work on and information on wanted paroles in the area. Det. Quintanilla has developed a relationship with the San Fernando Valley area parole agents.

### Foothill Legends

One of the first females to become Los Angeles Police Officers was Det. III **Nancy Lyons**, who had over 30 years on the job. She spent the majority of her time in Foothill Div. as the first female Detective. Over the years she became the OIC of the juvenile unit. She helped to develop the Jeopardy program and the J-car for the schools. For all of her hard work she was honored in 1990 as the Juvenile Detective of the Year. She loved working with all the kids. She believed kids were all good, but made bad choices. She was tough as nails and gentle as a loving mother. If you met her you wished that she were your mother. She loved it when the officers called her "Mom." Thank you for all the love you gave all of us. We will miss and always remember you. God took all the pain away and took you home.

*Great people are able to do great kindness.*

### Sports

Well, we had our first game versus Van Nuys. The score was Foothill 11, Van Nuys 12. They had less errors than we did. But beside the point, it was a good game. **Tony Minete** pitched a great game, and **Brian Pogue** had a three-run home run. Sgt. **Phil Smith** went 3/4 and Officer **Ken Schmidt** 4/4. Good job, guys.

### Congratulations

Sgt. **Phillip Smith**, #25921, to his promotion to Sgt. II FTHL assist W/C.

### Maternity

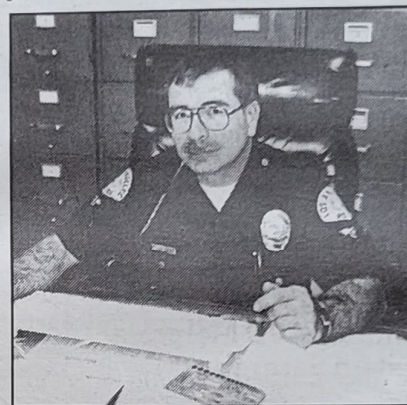
Congratulations to **Mary Stephens** for her upcoming birth of a baby girl, Kaitlin Dabdoub.



by Roy Langheld  
West Traffic Division

We are well into Spring and the days are getting longer. The weather is finally getting a little warmer and all of the WTD BCMCs are thankful for the change. WTD has moved into its new station next door to Wilshire. Moving in was a big pain and everything was a mess for a while but things are smoothing out and it is rather pleasant now. Most of the kinks have been worked out. The computers are working, and the printers are on line.

WTD had trouble with the phone lines at first, but our own resident phone experts cleared up the problems. Practical jokers, **Harry Winston** and **Angie**



CI Cop Bob Rodriguez hard at work.

**Sidlinger**, posing as expert phone technicians, called the front desk and advised the light duty motor cop on duty that they had to clear the phone lines of static by blowing air through the lines. This was supposed to blow all of the debris out of the phone lines and clear up all of the static. The motor officer just had to put plastic bags over all of the phones to catch all of the debris before the lines were blown out. Once Harry had convinced the desk officer that this was a genuine request, he and Angie hurried down to the Watch Commander's office and listened to the poor motor cop trying to explain why they had to put plastic bags over all of the phones. Being an ex-motor cop and ex-motor sergeant, Sgt. II **Al Zardeneta** was sucked right into this ruse. Sgt. Al began to take the plastic liners out of the trash cans and rip them up to assist the desk officer. Lt. **Peyton** was a little more skeptical since he had never worked motors and had never experienced the required motor cop lobotomy. Peyton began to question this new job and unearthed the truth. Everyone had a good belly laugh when Harry confessed to his crime. Sgt. Al was a little miffed when he learned the truth and was considering transferring the two jokesters to morning watch. However, Angie told him a joke that took over five min-

utes and Al couldn't remember what he was upset about.

### WTD News

CI Cop **Terry Keefer** transferred out to Transit Division, along with Det. **Kirk Hunter**. WTD is losing two experienced veterans and we are sorry to see them leave. Good luck, guys. Desk officer **Alex Bica** had a frightening episode with chest pain at the desk. Alex wishes to



Left to right: 92 years of service, Jim Davis, Gary Sidell and Roy Langheld.

extend his thanks to all of the officers at WTD who assisted him during this crisis. Officer "Mo" **Hassanzai** was riding his krotch rocket recently and decided to see what it felt like to be a motor cop. So, Big Mo slid down the asphalt for a short



CI Cop Joe Buscaino and Chris Blankenship.

distance to see if it hurt. This reporter interviewed Mo to ask him how it felt. Big Mo replied, "I didn't care for it much," as he limped off into the sunset. Big Mo must have bounced his hairless noggin off the pavement fairly hard because he was seen wearing a toupee around the station recently. Wow, can you imagine that!

Short timer fever is infecting the senior officers at WTD. Former BCMCs **Ken Brady** and **Lyle Hunter** are getting itchy feet. BCMC **Gary Sidell** has been seen with his calculator and the MOU working out pension rates. Sgt. II **Jim Davis**, with almost 31 years of service, has that thousand yard stare so you know he is getting close. Yours truly will have 30 years on in June and is counting his days. I have had a wonderful time during the last 30 years, working Accident Investigation and Motors most of the time. I was intimately familiar with "Mr. Asphalt" and was glad to sever my relationship with him. Yep, I'll be retiring this summer. You know, it would sure feel good to make one more deserving criminal "do the chicken" again. Keep it rubber side down till next time!!



## United States Coast Guard Reserve

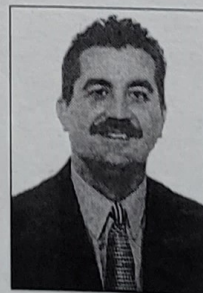
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# SPORTS BEAT

Sports Beat is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. For information about submissions to Sports Beat, please call the Sports Beat Info Line at (323) 221-5222, ext 800.

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

by Lew Snow,  
LAPRAAC Sports Editor

### Can Foothill Make Good on Threat to Skin Power Pigs at Bench Press Match on June 4?

Foothill Detectives Captain Ken Garner doesn't want to wait until the millennium... he's looking to knock the 77th Street Power Pigs out of the barn and into the muck at the upcoming Spring Intra-Departmental Bench Press Match, set for Friday, June 4 at the Elysian Park Academy Gym.

In what promises to be a WWF-style fight to the finish, Garner isn't pulling any punches: "We're going to kick their porcine butts all over the gym," he said in a recent phone interview.

Winners of the last six competitions, 77th Street is tied with Rampart for the most bench press wins of the decade (seven each). Lt. Paul von Lutzow, the head boar at 77th, was also coach at Rampart during its reign as the department powerhouse.

But are the Power Pigs, some now long-in-the-tooth, others not able to move fast enough to elude the rendering truck, still up to the challenge? Rumor has it that Foothill enlisted the help of Farmer John's and has been secretly training at the corner of Foothill and Osborne in preparations to send the Power Pigs to the packing plant.

Applications for the event are now available at all department weight rooms and divisions. Weigh-ins will be held Thursday, June 3, 0900-1600 at the Elysian Park Academy Gym. Registration is \$18 for individual lifters, and includes a t-shirt. All participants

(except retirees) must be dues-current LAPRAAC members. The event starts at 0900 sharp on June 4, following an 0830 rules briefing.

Teams of no less than three, nor no more than 40 lifters, must submit rosters to the Athletic Director's office by the close of weigh-ins on June 3rd. (Divisions may enter more than one team.) Lifters at the following units are encouraged to contact their divisional captains to coordinate team efforts: Central (**Alberto Franco**), DARE (**Marcella Piersol**), Foothill (**Ken Garner**), Hollywood (**Al Killion**), Rampart (**Justin Stewart**), 77th Street (**Paul von Lutzow**), Southeast (**Marty Weston**), Southwest (**Jeana Franco**), South Traffic (**Sandy Kim**), Training (**Mark Conta**), Van Nuys (**Bruce Vermaat**), West Valley (**James Williamson**), Wilshire (**Michael O'Shea**).

For more information, contact Athletic Director Tony Adler at (323) 221-5222, ext. 218.

### Late Registration Available for 21st Annual LAPD Memorial Run on Saturday, May 8

If you haven't already planned on attending this year's Memorial Run on Saturday, May 8, at Dockweiler Beach in Playa del Rey, there's still time to participate.

On-site late registration will be accepted between 0700-0800 that morning for the one-mile fun run (children age 12 and under) and individual 5K run.

The 1999 run honors the memory of Officers Filbert Cuesta (Southwest) and Brian Brown (Pacific), who lost their lives while protecting those of the citizens of Los Angeles.

Race Coordinators Rick Massa and Athletic Department Secretary Debbie Moeller promise a day full of camaraderie and fun for all members of the LAPD family. While final plans were not complete at press deadline, it is expected that the special games and attractions for children, entertainment, food, a post-race meal, the traditional drawing for prizes donated by LAPD supporters, and displays by SWAT, Air Support and Mounted Unit will once again highlight the event.

The Fun Run begins at 0815 and the Individual 5K Run at 0845. Official ceremonies are expected to begin at 0930, featuring a helicopter fly-by, the LAPD Color Guard, a prayer service, and remarks by Chief Bernard Parks.

For last-minute updates, call the Sports Beat Info Line at (323) 221-5222, ext. 800, otherwise contact Massa at ext. 201 or Moeller at ext. 219.

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### Improvements Underway on Academy Facilities

In an effort to bring athletics-related facilities at the Elysian Park Academy up to the level LAPRAAC members deserve, improvements are now underway in a number of areas. Renovation of the gymnasium started months ago with the upgrading of drainage from the adjoining hillside. A new sound system has already been installed, new curtains have been ordered, and replacement of the floor will take place this spring.

The weight room has seen installation of several new pieces of equipment, and soon the remaining pieces also will be replaced. On the drawing board are plans to renovate the entire building, including the restrooms.

At the same time, refurbishing of the swimming pool is also being undertaken. The complete renovation includes new heaters, plumbing, decking, plaster, and tile. Work is expected to be complete before summer.

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### West Valley Wins Pre-Season LAPD Slo-Pitch Tournament

In what Manager Paul Sciarillo hopes is a portent of things to come, West Valley Division blew away all opposition to win the 1999 LAPD Pre-Season Slo-Pitch Tournament, held in mid-March.

In the playoff portion of the day-long event, Sciarillo's Sluggers demolished reigning LAPD Champion Rampart, 19-3, then outlasted Hollywood 28-17 to enter the showdown against Shootin' Newton (which had demolished Pacific, 21-4, and Detective Services, 14-2).

It was a knock-down, drag-out affair at Hjelte Park in Sepulveda Basin, but when the dust cleared West Valley ended up on top, 18-14.

Regular season play is now underway for 27 teams in four divisions, all setting their sights on ending Rampart Division's short-lived return as LAPD champions. League play will continue through mid-June followed by the Red Davis Tournament to determine this year's king of the hill.

The Central League, which plays its games on Wednesdays at Eagle Rock Rec Center, consists of teams representing Hollywood (managed by **Floyd Toledo**), Metro (**Jim Quinlan**), Newton (**Steve Carrillo**), Northeast #1 (**John Marroquin**), Rampart (**Todd Cataldi**) and Transit Group (**Todd Waymire**). Playing on Tuesdays at Eagle Rock are the North League teams: Central (**Dana Oviatt**), DARE (**Al Green**), Detective Services (**Keith Anderson**), Hollenbeck (**Manny Avila**), Northeast #2 (**David Trujillo**), and Wilshire (**Miguel Lopez**).

Playing on both Tuesdays and Thursdays at Rosecrans Park (in Southeast Division) are teams from the South League: Harbor (**Dan Ornelas**), OSB CRASH (**Leonard Hernandez**), Pacific (**Jerry Bautista**), 77th Street (**Paul Lopez**), Southeast (**Bart Landsman**), Southwest (**Rick Records**), South Bureau Homicide (**Sal La Barbera**), South Traffic (**Sandy Kim**) and West Traffic (**Derrick Davis**). Over in the land of succession the Valley League plays on Thursdays at Hjelte Park in Sepulveda Dam: Devonshire (**Ernie Fischer**), Foothill (**Julian Alvarez**), North Hollywood (**Richard Perez**), Van Nuys (**Vic Sua**), West L.A. (**Nick Barbara**), and West Valley (**Paul Sciarillo**).

Up-to-date information on scheduling can be obtained by calling the Sports Beat Info Line at (323) 221-5222, ext. 800.

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### First Annual "Sgt" Andy Voge Memorial Golf Tournament May 21, 1999, Friday

TIME: 1200 Hrs.

LOCATION: Elkins Ranch Golf Course,  
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Proceeds from the tournament will be used to benefit Andy's two young children. There will be a bar-b-que dinner following the golf tournament. You are invited to attend the dinner even if you do not play in the golf tournament.

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- Closest to Pin on Par 3's
- Longest Drive

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COST: Golf/Car/Dinner - \$75.00  
Bar-B-Que Dinner - \$25.00  
(Donation included in the cost)

BAR-B-QUE TIME: 5:00pm

CONTACT:  
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## SPORTS BEAT

### TOUGH AS NAILS

11.4 Mi Trail Run, Sunday, June 6, 1999

Law Enforcement Personnel Only  
(Send photocopy of I.D. with entry)

**LOCATION:** Triunfo Community Park, Thousand Oaks, CA

**THE COURSE:** Tough, challenging and scenic 11.4 mi. trail, hilly, rocky terrain.

- One aid station approx. 5 mi out
- This run is not a relay.
- Limited entry—first come, first served

#### AWARDS AND EVENT FEATURES

- Commemorative T-shirt, etc., to all entrants
- 1st three men, 1st three women, 1st in age group (5 yr increments)
- 1st heavyweight (190-219), 1st super HW (220-250+)
- Light lunch and drinks (non-alcoholic) will be served after event
- Extra lunch ticket \$3.00

#### CHECK-IN (NO RUN DAY REGISTRATION)

- Check-in between 8:00-8:30 a.m. run day

#### DONATION ENTRY FEE

- \$27.00 - All entries are non-refundable
- Profits will go to LAPD Memorial Fund (Donation may be tax deductible)
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## L.A. Bullets are Champs... Errr...Well Almost

by Tom Wich, RHD  
& Matthew Jaroscak, ASD

The L.A. Bullets ice hockey team that is made up of LASD/LAPD officers, traveled to Whistler, British Columbia, Canada, for the International Police Winter Games. The Bullets are ranked as one of the top police hockey teams in the United States. Upon arrival, the Bullets learned that once again they were placed in the toughest group of teams in the tournament and the road to the gold medal was going to be difficult at best.

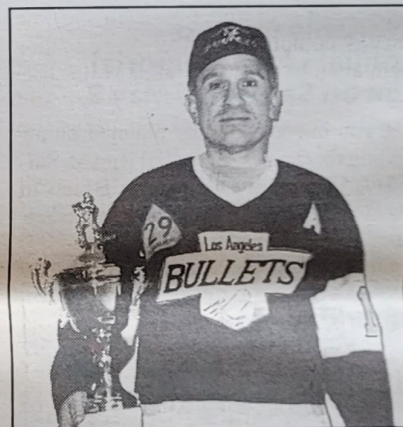
First up was the team from the Massachusetts State Police. This is one of the more elite teams in the U.S. on the east coast. The Bullets came out a little tentative but then John Knighton (Newton) caught fire and put in three solid goals and the Bullets soundly defeated their east coast rivals 7-4. Next up was a new team from San Francisco Bay area. Although they were game, they were no match for the high flying offense of the Bullets. The Bullets won 18-1. On an important note, the night before, the San Francisco team was soundly defeated by the Zurich Elite Select Team from Switzerland, but they continued to celebrate all their goals as if they were winning the Stanley Cup. Although the Swiss team was a far su-

perior team, their demeanor was less than that of true sportsmen. It isn't a nice thing to "show up" a team that is far less talented than yours. After watching this debacle, all of the other teams in the tournament came to the Bullets and wished the Bullets to avenge their Northern California brothers. The Bullets gladly made the pledge and this set up the game of the tournament.

On March 9, 1999, at 9 p.m., not only did the other teams show up for this game, but members of the LAPD ski team and citizens of Whistler also came as well. The house was packed and support for the Bullets was loud and boisterous. The first ten minutes of the game was nothing less than pure physical North American style of hockey. The Bullets physically pounded the team from Switzerland at both ends of the ice. If it was wearing a Swiss jersey, a Bullets player made some kind of physical contact. Bobby Devereaux of LASD put in three goals and the Bullets went on to soundly defeat the team from Switzerland 7-2. The Bullets received a standing ovation from the fans at the end of the game. Even as the team returned back to the village at Whistler, people saw the Bullets in their team jackets and cheered and shook hands and said it was a tremendous game.

In the finals, the Bullets met the team from Canadian Customs. The Bullets came out a little tight and had to work hard for a 1-0 lead. Customs then tied it up and it was again a gritty type of game. John Devereaux from LASD put in a beautiful goal that beat the Canadian goaltender and gave the Bullets a 2-1 lead. Again the Canadian team fought back and after a defensive lapse, the Canadians tied the score at 2-2. With four minutes left in the game, the Canadian team took a 3-2 lead. The Bullets worked feverishly to try and tie the score. The Bullets pulled their goaltender for an extra attacker and with 30 seconds left appeared to have tied the score. The Canadians lowered their heads in disappointment. Then there was a discussion between the referees and the Canadian team players and the referees ruled that the puck did not go in the net. Even with the age of video that showed both referees point to the net and indicate that a goal had been scored and the fact the score keeper had already written the goal on the scoresheet, the goal was called back and the Bullets lost their bid for another gold medal. Hmmm, we were in Canada, playing a Canadian team, with Canadian referees. See a pattern here? Congratulations to the Canadian Customs team on their gold and to the Bullets for their efforts and a silver medal. It was a great tournament and the Bullets will be back next year in Reno, Nevada, to try again.

Although all of the Bullets players played with heart and grit, John Knighton of Newton Division clearly stood out from the rest. His tough play, great scoring touch were a sight to see and he gave 150% of himself in every



Detective Tony Manente, Defenseman MVP, B Division.



Officer Frank Kenney, Tournament MVP.

game he played. He won the admiration of his teammates and most of all he got the attention of all the other teams, officials and directors of the tournament. For his tremendous effort in the tournament, John Knighton was awarded the International Police Winter Games Most Valuable Player award. L.A. Bullets players have won this award three of the last four years. Congratulations, John, for a job well done.

(Editor's note: Due to human error [on the part of the editor], the April Thin Blue Line sports section made a mess of the L.A. Bullets pictorial presentation. Frank Kenney was misidentified as Tony Manente, while Tony's photo was inadvertently omitted. The only correct photo was the Bullet's team picture. For fear of getting whipped with a hockey stick, the editor apologizes and presents Messrs. Kenney and Manente looking good with their hardware.)



# RETIREMENT NEWS



The Retirement News is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. Retirees may submit articles for publication. Deadline for submission is the 6th of the month for the following month's issue date.

## Valley Retired Blues

by Clinton O. Erickson

Our next meeting will be on May 19, 1999, at "The LAMPLIGHTER" Restaurant located on the corner of DeSoto Avenue and Nordhoff Street. The start time is flexible and some arrive at 10:30 a.m. However, most try to arrive by 11-11:15. We meet in the room adjacent to the BAR LOUNGE. A special lunch menu is available. Our meetings are very informal and most of the time is spent visiting with old partners and with new attendees.

Don Lyon reported Ray Hess, who attended our February meeting, passed away on March 5, 1999. It was a shock to many of us to learn he had succumbed a short time after returning home from spending part of the winter in Southern California and visiting many of his friends.

We had 34 at the March 17, 1999, meeting with 1 who had not attended any of our previous luncheons. The attendees were John Becker (5059), Joe Berry (5699), Barney Boronich (3861), Ted Debs (6808), Gene Dillon (3411), Emmett Drennen (3279), Ray Elmer (5607), Don Erath (5244), Clinton Erickson (5608), Bill Feddersen (4823), Bob Fritz (4583), Martha Fritz, Robert Gibson (4585), Mel Harner (4501), Carl Hegge, Flo and Lou (5354)

Holland, John Kepke (4603), Don Lyon (6575), Bill Mathieson (6579), Lou Netza (7655), Jake Orbus (5407), Ray Palaszewski (6934), Dale Rickards (3593), Jim Riley (2457), Dustin Splaine (7183), Charlotte Stevenson, Stu Stremsterfer (4394), Norm Sulflow (6902), Jim Swiston (4654), Wally Tallant (4396), Jim Trax (6185), Earl Wells (6297), and Marion Yates. Jake Orbus attended for the first time this month.

I would like to compile a narrative history of the Valley Retired Blues. I would appreciate any information from anyone attending these early get-togethers to send any details you can recollect as to dates, location and names. I think the group started to meet at The Lamplighters in 1985. Send any information to me at 23441 Aetna St., Woodland Hills, CA 91367-3128.

I am repeating the above paragraph from the last issue in the event some of you who may have attended lunches subsequent to 1985 did not catch the last issue. I compiled a list of those names from attendance sheets and a roster listing. Some 400 former officers and friends have attended the luncheons and annual BBQs.

For information about meetings, call me (Erickson) at (818) 340-2430.

## Legendary Ladies Luncheon

With special tribute to:  
LAPD's 10 remaining policewomen

Legendary Ladies is a group of active and retired original policewomen who have created and continue to share in the History of women on the Department. LAWPOA will be hosting this year's Legendary Ladies Luncheon that is open to all officers. A special tribute will be paid to the following remaining 10 policewomen who are still on active duty. All have 30+ years of service to the citizens of Los Angeles.

Susan Allison 11'68  
Sharon Rilling 2'69  
Judith Haiser 4'68  
Margaret York 4'68

Rita Knecht 5'67  
Karen Fleming 8'69  
Prudence Wright 2'69  
Connie Dial (hired as a PLWM 8'69 thru '70, rehired as a Officer)

Sally Barnes 2'69  
Gail Ryan 5'67  
Kathleen Keranen 2'69

### Location:

Stevens Steak & Seafood House  
5332 Stevens Place, City of Commerce  
323-723-9856 (for directions)

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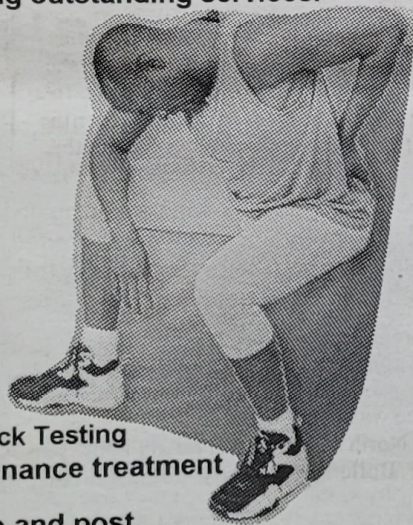
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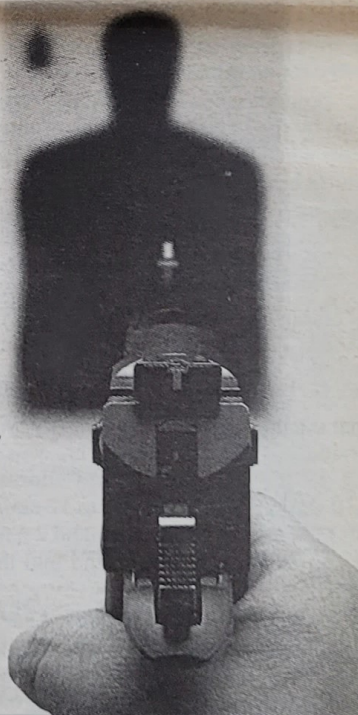
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## RETIREMENT NEWS

### Sacramento Area Blue Line Association

by Bernie Remas

I don't know where you are, but it's May here in the Sacramento area. The birds are chirping, the income tax checks have returned, the weather is lookin' good, and you should get your act together and get out and get ready for another summer here in Sacramento.

SABLA has already announced that we have set a "Spring Fling" BBQ for your social calendar—this time in the eastern part of our sphere of influence! The "Fall Classic" is always in the west, at the Kiser's home and vineyard in Sonoma. This will be an eastside event, outside where you can breathe some



Chuck Ward listening intently to someone. Never did listen when he was on motors! (Hank Seret in background.)

clean, fresh air, while just taking it easy, and everything else is done for you. Except you do have to bend an elbow—your choice which one!!

It's Saturday, May 15, 1999. SABLA is having an outdoor picnic and BBQ... mmmm good! Former Prez, **Ed Lewandowski**, has set this up, and the location will be two miles west of Placerville, and two miles from Highway 50, inside the gated community of Greenstone, on private property in a private area called "Barn by the Lake." This is one of those events when you can "kick back" and do nothing but play like you're retired, eat BBQ, or play horseshoes (game for active seniors). Ron Kiser, take note. Eat BBQ, or play volleyball (game for more active seniors), or sit under a shade tree and continue eating until you bust! The all-u-can-eat food will be catered—pork spareribs, BBQ chicken and beef, 3-4 different salads, BBQ beans, all for \$16! What a deal! The SABLA treasury will provide soft drinks. However, you'll have to BYOB any "spirited" drinks. We'll start about 1100 hours to 12 noon, with food service to begin around 2 p.m. Stay 10 minutes or all day and into the night!

So those of you that made New Year's resolutions and have been religiously dieting since January 1st, this is your chance to "fall off the wagon" for one day! So c'mon. Make plans. Call **Hoy Key** with your name and how many you're bringing! Mothers-in-law are OK! Everybody is only \$16 each. Hoy will gladly take your money or check. You can send it and/or write to us at P.O. Box 60353, Sacramento, CA 95860-0353. If you send the money, we'll send you a map and the rest of the details of how to get there.

Last month I received my yearly message from an old 77th radio car partner, **Morris Candlish**. The 17th reunion (can you imagine 17 years?) of the 77th Division Alumni Association is set for June 7/9, 1999. We all kinda brag about these retired Blue Line Groups that have sprung up in the past years. But Mac and another former partner, **George Surber**, started this whole "thang" with these Las Vegas reunions way, way back. They

showed the rest of us how to get things going and offer retired and current LAPD guys and gals that there is life after your regular tour of duty! You two have kept this 77th reunion together for all these years, and you sure have my sincere thanks for hangin' in there! Their guest speaker this year will be former Chief of



Gene De Crona (left) and Neil Parker (right) - "Old Blue" wanted proof he was in Sacramento! Tax purposes?

Police **Daryl F. Gates**. So get goin' you people. Phone (702) 456-2410.

On March 11, 1999, at our regular monthly luncheon, we had a guest speaker from the Law Enforcement Chaplaincy of Sacramento. Chaplain Mindy Russell showed, and if you weren't there you really missed an excellent and dynamic speaker. She is a talented and beautiful lady who shared her insight as to the functions of this law



Chaplain Mindy Russell with former SABLA President, Ed Lewandowski.

enforcement chaplaincy group. This group is extremely active in the Sacramento area in assisting law enforcement personnel and their families in times of need. Chaplain Russell gave all of us a new perspective of the important role that police chaplains are now playing as part of the police team on the street.

We've had our problems in the Sacramento area recently, especially where a Sacramento Police Officer, Bill Bean, was shot and killed on a traffic stop by a California parolee. Officer Bean was a close friend of Chaplain Russell, and she was to later officiate at his funeral. I've said it before but it bears repeating: The gun control "nuts" just don't get it, do they?

In March, **Neil "Old Blue" Parker** returned to SABLA for another luncheon visit. Says they keep runnin' him out of Southern California. Someone said that **Dennis McDonald** "popped" for his lunch! Hard to believe, but stranger things have happened at these SABLA luncheons. (See photos enclosed.)

**Bob Tucker** was in from Napa as well as **Nate Iannone** and **Ray Lauritzen**. **John & Fran Krasts** from Cool told us that they have sold their mountain home and will travel in their RV 'til they run out of gas! We're gonna miss you two. Please stop by during your travels!

**Ron Kiser** was here in March and gave me the date for the "Fall Classic" at his place in Sonoma. I think it was Saturday, September 25th, but I'm not sure. Stay

tuned. More later. Just keep the month of September open, then you won't miss it!!

**Hank Seret** and **Hal White** were in from Roseville's Sun City. A new Sun City just opened a few miles north, called Del Webb's Lincoln Hills. If you're over 55, and who isn't, then you're eligible to buy up there. **Ken Carlsted**, a fervent IPA supporter, says that if you're planning any of the country vacation trips this year, the International Police Assn. members can and will provide safe and secure lodging, and the price is right. If you're interested, I'm sure Ken would like to hear from you at (530) 269-0214.

I did tell you that **Steve Tilden** is back from Southern California, right? He's currently in Stockton. We are in the travel time of the year, but I did notice that **Gene DeCrona** was still

here in March! Well those things happen. He'll get going later, as will many of you. If you're coming this way, we'd like to have you visit, and tell us your best war story!

**George Puddy** was there in March, as was **Jack Smyre**, both lookin' mighty good.

We always meet on the second Thursday of the month, at the Palomino Restaurant at Watt & El Camino in Sacramento at 1130. If you can't make it to one of our monthly luncheons, write to us at P.O. Box 60353, Sacramento, CA 95860-0353. We just love getting letters. Photos too if you have 'em. We'll find someone with good eyesight to read your letter to all!

Be good to each other out there. We need and love each and every one of you.

## Dates to Remember

### MAY

May 1-31	LAPPL Delta Dental Open Enrollment		
May 2	Steve Hostetler	1600	
May 7	John Wrich	1700	1800
May 7	Ruben Padilla	1700	1830
May 8	21st Annual LAPD Memorial Run	0800	
May 13	S.A.B.L.A.	1100	
May 14	Lyman Doster	1800	1900
May 14	Charlie Duke	1800	1900
May 15	Police-Celebrity Golf Tournament/Rancho Park	0800	
May 15	S.A.B.L.A. Picnic		
May 19	Valley Retired Blues	1100	
May 20	LAPPL College Day		
	Police Academy Gym	0900	
May 21	Jim Weishuhn	1600	1700
May 21	Sgt. Andy Voge Memorial Golf Tournament, Fillmore	1200	

### JUNE

June 2	Marlin Warkentin	1730	1830
June 3	Buck Henry	1700	
June 5	Prescott Area Blue Line BBQ	1300	
June 7,8,9	77th Division Reunion, Las Vegas		
June 12	Legendary Ladies Luncheon	1100	
June 17	Central Coast Fuzz That Wuzz		
June 18	Beryl Bourne	1800	1900
June 18	Lou Aguilar	1800	1900

### Prescott Area Blue Line - 5th Annual BBQ

Saturday, June 5, 1999, 1300 Hours  
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Our annual picnic will be held again in the beautiful pines of Goldwater Lake. Attendance last year exceeded 100 of L.A.'s finest and their guests, so make your reservations early (besides it helps us to plan on our food and beverage needs).

There are several new hotels in the area since last year, so room reservations shouldn't be a problem. If you need information or help with reservations, just contact one of the committee members.

There will be a "Folk Arts Fair," Saturday and Sunday, at the Sharlot Hall Museum, for those interested in taking home a souvenir of the "Wild West."

Picnic starting time is 1300 hours, cost is \$15 per person, kids free. The barbecue, beer, wine and soda are included. Tickets will be available for our great raffle prizes. Our annual championship horseshoe contest will be held with trophies for 1st and 2nd place.

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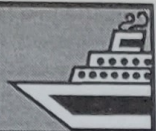
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# Retirement Corner



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SGT-I+3 Richard A. Beardslee 15500 Air Support	30
D-II Robert E. Peterson 15628 South Bureau Homicide	29
SGT-II Charlie "Cuts" Duke 16491 Metro-SWAT	29
P-III Edmund Rodriguez 16963 Wilshire Division	28
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SGT-II Paul L. McMillin 20716 Van Nuys Division	25
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16 of L.A.'s finest for a total of 420 years of service.

## The Central Coast Fuzz That Wuzz

by Dave Aikins

A big hello from all of us on the Central Coast. We have had some wonderful weather all over the county of San Luis Obispo, from Santa Maria up to Paso Robles and on over to the coast at Cambria. Whether you travel on either Highway #1 or #101, it is a beautiful scene to behold. The hills are various shades of green that blend into different shades of colorful skylines. It all makes for a nice picture when traveling or just getting out to have some fun.

Speaking of fun, we had our luncheon at the Shore Cliff Restaurant in Pismo Beach on March 18th and it turned out to be a nice time. Greg Dossey gave us a complete picture of what the LAPD recruits are going through today compared to what we old duffers endured way back when television was either nonexistent, in its infancy, or viewed in black and white. Thanks, Greg, for an excellent presentation.

In addition to our regulars, we enjoyed the company of Terry Ellis, Paul & Stella Mattson and Jack Slater joining us from down south. Dave & Claudia Banister came down from Cambria to catch the festivities. We were glad these fine folks could break bread with us and enjoy the super view of the local cliffs and pounding surf.

The regular Fuzz's included Gerry Auth (Morro Bay), Frank & Flo Beeson (Nipomo), Walter "Barney" Boronich (Alhambra) and Marion Yates (Tujunga), Freeman & Nellie Calver (Arroyo Grande), Joe & Myrl Cornwell (Santa Maria), George & Susan Courtney (Arroyo Grande), Bob & Marilyn Darnell (San Luis Obispo), Chief Ed Davis and lovely wife, Bobbie (Morro Bay), Hal Epling (Los Osos), and Helen Coulter, Dave Frazier (Paso Robles), Paul & Barbara Hardy (San Luis Obispo) and Guy & Jane Hogue (Paso Robles).

Checking out the dessert entry were Carl Ingels (Culver City), Gerd &

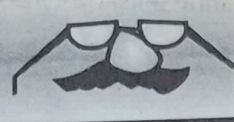
Nancy Konieczny (San Miguel), Charles & Priscilla Lafitte (Atascadero), Max & Billie McAlpine (Atascadero), Jerry & Paula May (Cayucos), John Miscik (Visalia), Bob & Aileen Rack-erby (Arroyo Grande), Joe & Jean Ram-ey (Los Osos), Lucy Salls (Van Nuys), Al Shlocker (Arroyo Grande), and Sam-mie McHenry, Warren "Si" Sizoo (Ar-royo Grande), Ken & Wanda Stiffler (Santa Maria), Bruno Tonin (Cambria), Fred & Sharline Tuggey (Grover Beach), Bob & Carole Velek (Nipomo), and Jeff Watkins (Arroyo Grande).

A big thanks to our fearless leader, Brian Galbraith (Nipomo), who han-dled the introductions and with the help of his wife, Cathy, made us all feel wel-come. Additional helpers were Sam & Paulette Lopez (Nipomo) and Tom & Dorie Zwinger (Arroyo Grande). Of course, yours truly and wife, Judy (Pismo Beach) were also enjoying the camaraderie.

Our next event will be in northern San Luis Obispo County on June 17th. More information pending, so keep the date open.

**Quick note:** The central coast has a free community newspaper called the *New Times*, which contains substantial information on what is happening in the area. One of the benefits of retirement can be the ability to be a volunteer. The *New Times* has 34 different requests for volunteers ranging from the Special Olympics, Adopt a Pet, local libraries, historical societies and public agencies. One can even volunteer for the Paso Robles Air Show scheduled for June 13th. Anyway, there is plenty of help needed throughout the area, if you are so inclined. When one volunteers, they are giving something back to those who really appreciate it and receive a lot of satisfaction from the effort. Catch us at E-mail: [FuzzthatWuzz@juno.com](mailto:FuzzthatWuzz@juno.com). KMA

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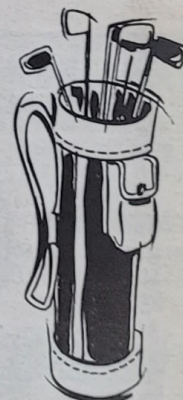
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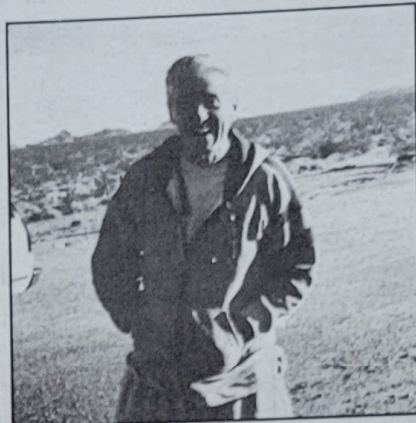
## Old Blue Running Team

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futuristic uptown hotels in Vegas may have had something to do with the layout that this race goes through. It's just plain TUFF running, quite a bit uphill, and I do mean big-time uphill. So, when you see Vegas sitting out there looking like a piece of cake, it is. But remember folks, that ain't where the race is. The race is in back of you. Twenty legs and 120 miles of challenging, super steep, any kind of weather goes, tough course. And, if you make it through to the finish line at the Tropicana Hotel, you and your team can give yourselves a bigatta boy for achievement, 'cause it definitely isn't a piece of cake.

Jim O'Connor (w/hands in pockets) not only ran the eight-mile first leg with the six-mile hill at Laughlin, but after he put that baby to sleep he helped out in the rooting section with that mile-



wide smile and encouragement for the other runners as they completed their legs. Way to go, Jim! Dittoes for The Coach, Pat Connelly. He also lent a hand cheering and coaching the other runners. The pix look like Pat is asking Jim if he has a spare jacket he can use for a while. And I heard a couple of civilians stopped to see if Jim and Pat were used car salesmen. Just kidding, of course.

A big "welcome aboard" to veteran runners Bob Carter and Bob Hickey. They evidently read about the incredible contract that George Blishak signed with us last month and they said that since they were at least as fast as George that the same contract should be offered to them or else we may be in violation of taking advantage of senior citizens. Their agent wanted them to hold out for a big contract for running shoes for seniors so we caved in and signed them both on the spot. I'll

The March 28th meet was attended by Mel Sandvig, Pat Connelly, Pat Dailey, John Martin, Bruce Hoover with his right hand healing and out of the cast, George Blishak, Bob Carter, Bill Osuna, Bob Hickey, Mike McKean, Jay Hernando, George Beck, Rudy DeLeon, Mike Dwyer, Mike Melancon, Neil Parker and Support Captain Pat Rosson. And puhleeze, puhleeze don't anyone snitch us off to Minnesota Governor Jesse Ventura, because we have too many Sons of The Emerald Isle on our team.

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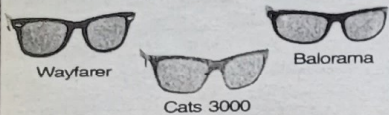
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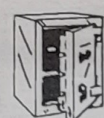
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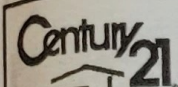


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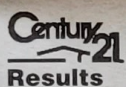
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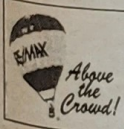
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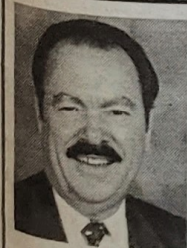


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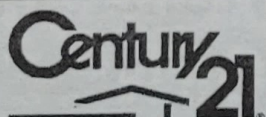
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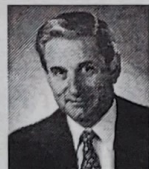


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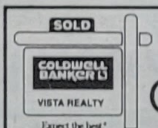
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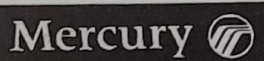
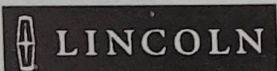
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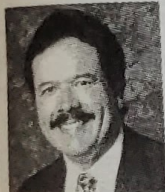
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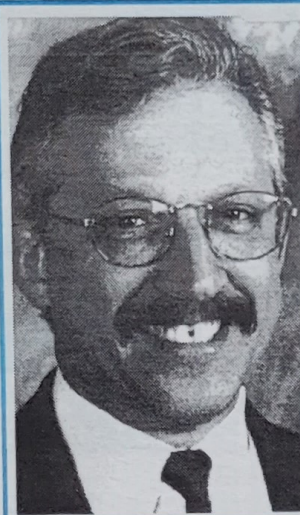
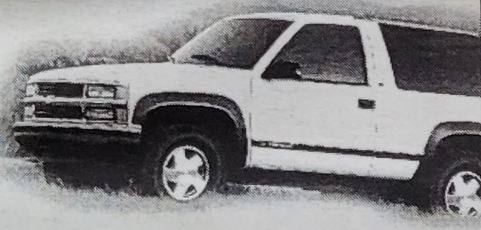


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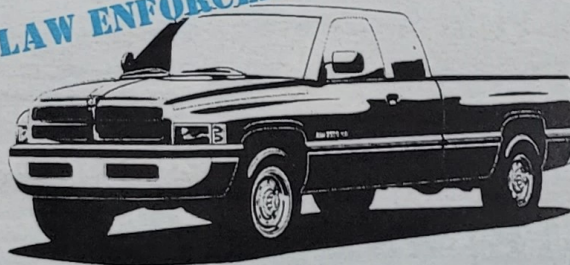


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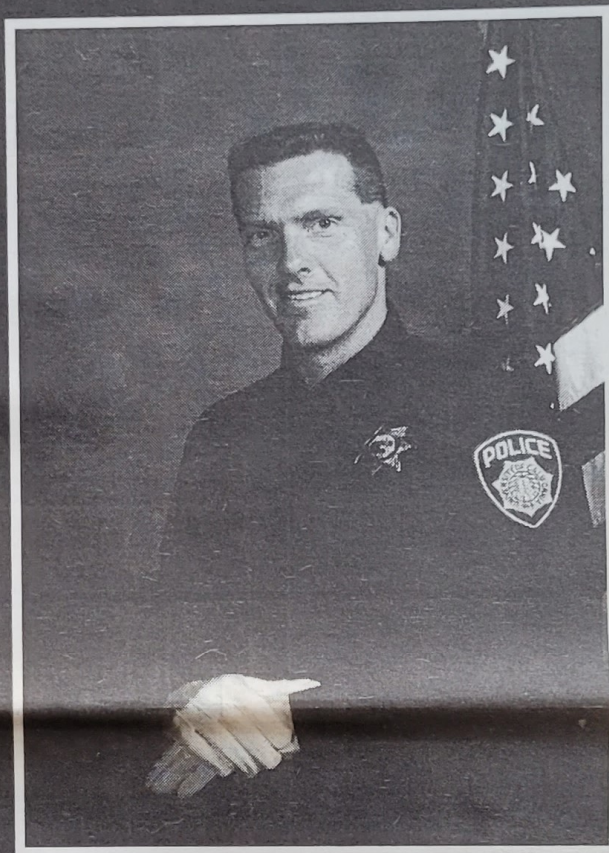
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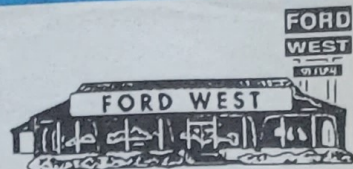
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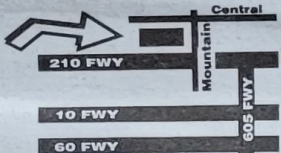


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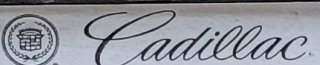
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